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Wrangling Arabs and Israelis rebuked by Baker

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN MADRID

THE Middle East peace process stumbles into its second phase tomorrow after three days of acrimony and vituperation in the conference chamber accompanied by backstage wrangling that caused James Baker to rebuke both Arabs and Israelis yesterday.

The American Secretary of State told delegates in Madrid that they must send signals of peace and reconciliation – and do it quickly. "If you do not seize this historic opportunity, no one else can, no one else will and no one will blame anyone outside your region."

Mr Baker's stern call for conciliatory gestures from both sides came after a morning that saw the Syrian foreign minister brandish an old "wanted" poster showing Yitzhak Shamir, now the Israeli prime minister, as a terrorist. Mr Shamir had earlier described Syria one of the most oppressive and tyrannical regimes in the world. As the delegates traded insults in the conference room, officials continued to argue behind the scenes over where the bilateral talks due to start next week should take place.

Israel wants the meetings to be held in the Middle East; the Arabs want them in Madrid, and possible compromises being discussed yesterday included Rhodes and Amsterdam. All parties are expected to attend the first session in Madrid tomorrow, but this will deal only with arrangements for future meetings.

In his closing remarks, Mr Baker told delegates that the world would find it very difficult to understand if any party refused to attend the talks simply because of differences over location. Their unwillingness to take confidence-building steps had been disappointing. "You have launched a process of negotiations that can succeed. But you have failed to deal adequately with the human dimension of the conflict. A way must be found to send signals of peace and reconciliation to the peoples of the region. Do not wait for the other side to start: each of you needs to get off the mark quickly."

American sources said that the measures hoped for included a freeze on Jewish settlements in the occupied territories and a reciprocal end to the Arab boycott. Boris Pankin, the Soviet foreign minister, was more specific in calling for a settlement freeze in his final speech.

Afterwards, American and Soviet officials said they had expected the opening session to be marked by maximalist positions, but they were depressed by the extent of the public bitterness, although there was broad praise for the Palestinians.

Haidar Abdel-Shafi, the leader of the Palestinian delegation, yesterday appealed for international support for their demand for self-determination and called for America, the Soviet Union or the United Nations to put the whole of the occupied territories under their trusteeship.

His address was in stark contrast to the insults traded by Mr Shamir and Farouk al-Sharaa, the Syrian foreign minister. Mr Shamir accused Syria of terrorising the 4,000 Jews living in Damascus and of sheltering world terrorist groups. Stung by the attack, Mr al-Sharaa abandoned his prepared script to launch a diatribe against Israel and to wave a copy of a British "wanted" poster published in 1948 when Mr Shamir was being hunted for his part in a group known as the Stern gang which killed the United Nations negotiator Count Folke Bernadotte and the British minister Lord Moyne. Mr Shamir was a terrorist, Mr al-Sharaa declared. "He killed peace mediators."

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Kaunda rejected by voters

From JAN RAATH IN LUSAKA

KENNETH Kaunda, unchallenged ruler of the central African state of Zambia for the past 27 years, was heading for a crashing defeat last night in the country's first free general election since 1968.

"You cannot reverse a trend like that," said Mr Justice Guy Scriven, head of an observer team sent by the Law Society of England after hearing that the opposition Movement for Multiparty Democracy had won nearly half a million votes against little more than 100,000 for Dr Kaunda in presidential elections, with just under half the results for the 150 constituencies declared.

Singing could be heard all over Lusaka last night when electoral officials announced that the Movement for Multiparty Democracy had won 56 constituencies, while Dr Kaunda's United National Independence Party had only six, all of them in the south-eastern region, dominated by Chewa-speaking people.

The results were hastening Zambia on its way to becoming the fifth African country to change its government through the ballot box in the past two years since the winds of change sweeping Eastern Europe turned to whittle the foundations of the dictatorial one-party states of Africa.

The most humiliating result for Dr Kaunda was in his home seat of Nchanga in the Copperbelt, where Frederick Chiluba, the leader of the Movement for Multiparty Democracy, won 20,680 votes against 637 for the 67-year-old president.

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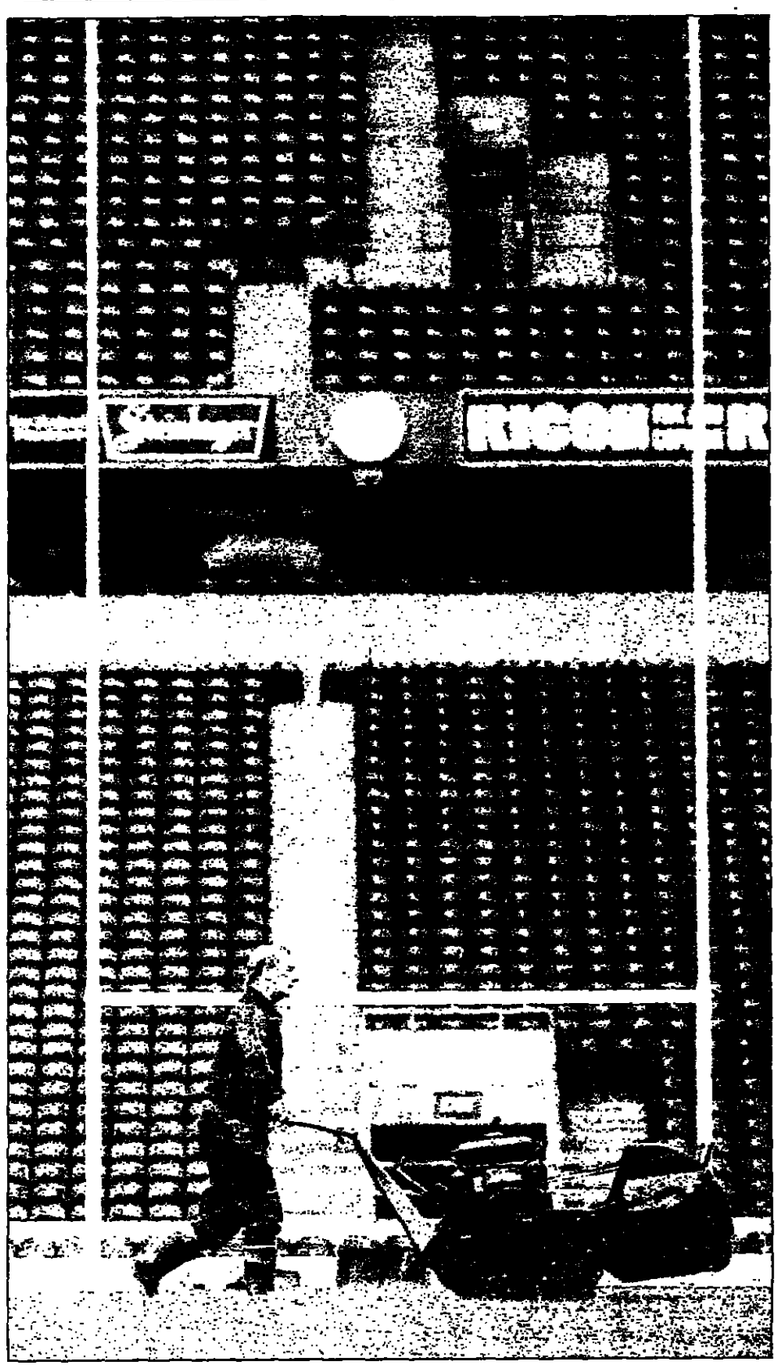
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What is our £20-a-day allowance against a £20m profit?



The green, green grass of home: after their wins in Paris and Edinburgh, the England rugby team returns to Twickenham today for the World Cup final against Australia

Final thought – where does the money go?

On the morning of the Rugby World Cup final, Rob Andrew, the England stand-off half, describes the players' excitement, and their dissatisfaction at the financial rewards for their efforts

The World Cup final at Twickenham today is the greatest event in English rugby union history. All the players, to a man, feel pride and privilege at being in the squad which will contest it. We are desperate to win, and we are determined that we will enjoy ourselves.

But the final, like the tournament itself, provides an extraordinary anomaly. The gate receipts for today's match will be £1 million. People from 40 nations will watch the match live; television fees alone will run into millions. The tournament will gross about £40 million.

Tickets have been changing hands for hundreds of pounds, and souvenirs of all sorts are selling briskly. Everyone is enjoying the thought of his cut. Everyone, that is, except the players. Everyone is allowed to make money, apart from those people whom the game is really about, the players.

As we prepare for the final, we still hear the cries of certain people in officialdom as they criticise our attempts to pick up a measly £5,000 each for the promotional work we have done on behalf of the game in the past seven months. Yet all we are asking for is peanuts; there has to be something wrong with those who say we may not be allowed even this.

I believe that this World Cup has changed rugby enormously. There can be no going back for the game. Whether, as a result of it, players will receive match fees for international games, I have no way of knowing: but some reward is inevitably going to come. It may be next year, or five or ten years, but this situation has to change.

People who put so much time into rugby have to get something back from the game to sustain them. What is the £20-a-day allowance we receive when set against a profit for the event of perhaps £20 million? How long will employers carry on supporting individual players who have to be away from work for five weeks, just so the game itself can extract a vast profit – and keep it all?

Am I the only one wondering what will happen to all this money? Where is it going? Who is accountable?

Tonight, whatever the result, the four semi-final teams and their associated representatives must sit down to a communal dinner at a London hotel. Assume a total of 40 people in each semi-final squad, and you have a guest list of 160. Yet the total number dining with us tonight is 1,200 – and not one of those will be a wife or girlfriend of any of the players.

But for the Rugby Football Union laying on a special dinner for our wives and girlfriends, they would have been left to make their own way home or eat elsewhere. This sums up rugby union – it is a game for the administrators.

If nothing changes within the game after this World Cup, what will happen? I suppose that rugby league clubs will continue to pick off the best from our game because of the money they can offer. Yet why should players be forced to leave rugby union simply because the game will not change its archaic attitudes?

All this, of course, will be furthest from our minds when we journey to Twickenham today. We are so

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Heseltine tax spares students

By DOUGLAS BROOM AND ROBIN OAKLEY

THE government launched its alternative to the poll tax yesterday with an unexpected decision to exempt more than three quarters of a million students from paying the new council tax.

Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, said the new concession underlined the government's determination to make the new tax fairer and easier to administer than the community charge it is due to replace in April 1993.

However MPs, noting that the 17 parliamentary seats with the highest student populations include eight of those which Labour would have to capture for an election victory, saw the move as a shrewd pitch for first-time voters. Students now pay an average poll tax of £50.

Seats which could be affected include Cardiff Central, Oxford West and Abingdon, Hampstead and Highgate, Westminster North, Cambridge, Sheffield Hallam and Bristol West.

Opposition spokesmen last night condemned the government's willingness to use guillotine procedures to rush the new local government finance bill through the Commons by Christmas. Mr Heseltine said of Labour's refusal to agree a timetable for debate: "The truth is that Labour is now the only party that wants to keep the poll tax. They are terrified that we are going to abolish it and leave them with nothing to complain about."

In a foretaste of bitter parliamentary exchanges to come Bryan Gould, his Labour shadow, accused the government of treating parliament and people with contempt. Mr Heseltine's comments, Mr Gould said, were utter nonsense and bare-faced cheek.

The bill was an attempt to "splice together an unfair property tax with enough poll tax principles to keep the Tory right happy, a confused mess which threatens a repeat of poll tax chaos".

David Blunkett, Labour's local government spokesman, said: "At 117 clauses and 14 schedules it is only marginally shorter than the poll tax bill and yet it is to be given less than half the time for debate."

By restating the bands in the bill ministers have given Conservative backbenchers in London and the Southeast an opportunity to argue afresh for regional banding to reflect variations in property prices. Mr Blunkett said: "Potential Tory rebels on the issue of regional banding must be delighted to see such clauses available for amendment."

Labour is hoping to benefit from Tory splits as Conservative MPs in the Southeast who fear that their constituents will lose out from the proposals voice their criticisms.

Sir Rhodes Boyson (Brent North) predicted a Conservative backlash as those in the Conservative heartlands realised that they were being penalised in comparison with those in the Midlands and the North because of the higher house prices in the capital and in the Southeast.

He said that Conservative prospects in the general

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Quorn loses trust land

THE Quorn, Britain's best-known foxhunt, last night lost its right to hunt on land owned by the National Trust, as supporters and opponents prepared to debate the whole issue at the trust's annual meeting in London today (Michael McCarthy writes).

The automatic revoking of the hunt's licence follows the suspension on Thursday by the Quorn of two of its joint masters, Barry Hercock and Joss Hanbury, after allegations of unfair hunting made in a video produced by the League Against Cruel Sports.

The land at Ulverscroft, Leicestershire, and Calke Abbey, Derbyshire, is licensed to the Quorn in Mr Hercock's name. His suspension automatically invalidated the licence, the trust said.



Hercock: trust licence was in his name

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Johnners and the Boil saved for the nation



Johnston: commentaries preserved for Radio 3

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK AND PAUL WILKINSON

THE ramblings of Johnners, the Boil and the Bearded Wonder have been saved. More popularly known as members of BBC Radio 3's ball-by-ball cricket commentary team, they had faced the axe under a reshuffling of wavelengths to make way for new commercial stations.

But after an outcry from cricket aficionados, including John Major, the BBC has relented and their on-air meanderings, as much to do with cream cakes, pigeons on the pitch and buses outside Lord's as the play in the middle, will continue.

Several generations have religiously pressed their transistors to their ears to catch the commentary of Radio 3's *Test Match Special*, presented by such household names as Brian "Johnners" Johnston, Trevor "the Boil" Bailey and scorer Bill "Bearded Wonder" Frindall. Most of the nicknames were created with a public schoolboyish humour by Mr Johnston, the doyen of the cricket commentators' club.

When the BBC was forced to relinquish the *Test Match Special* medium wave frequency to make way for the second independent national radio licence, advertised earlier this week, it announced it would switch cricket to Radio 5, its new hybrid of sport, children's programes and education. A move to Radio 5 would have meant a significant curb on ball-by-ball coverage, with the Tests competing for airtime with other summer events such as Wimbledon.

The BBC's decision came as John Paul Getty II, the American billionaire, emerged as a possible saviour of the 34-year-old service. Mr Getty, first introduced to cricket 11 years ago by Mick Jagger, had offered to fund a special Test match cricket service on a commercial radio channel.

Yesterday, in a surprising U-turn, the BBC decided to keep alive what many regard as an essential part of the English summer. Coverage of Test matches will move to Radio 3 stereo FM in their entirety.

Lovers of classical music will lose their daytime output for about 30 days each summer to make way for the cricket. David Hatch, managing director of BBC Network Radio, said he had taken the decision reluctantly. "Around 3 per cent of Radio 3's classical music programming will disappear with this solution. But it will satisfy the great appetite of licence payers for the BBC's unique ball-by-ball coverage." The move would save Radio 3 £250,000, he added.

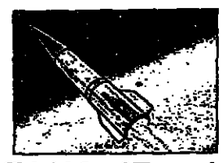
Saturday Review

IN TUNE



"You have to know who is number one," says Dame Gwyneth Jones's husband. As well as the diva-partners, Saturday Review interviews Arthur Miller, whose new play is assessed in today's Weekend Times

STAR WARS



Global defence? They used to laugh; now the superpowers are working together Review

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WHIZZ BANGS



Silver Rain, Jewelled Pyramid, Carnival Spray – the very names carry a whiff of gunpowder, treason and plot. Today's Weekend Times looks at the national obsession with fireworks

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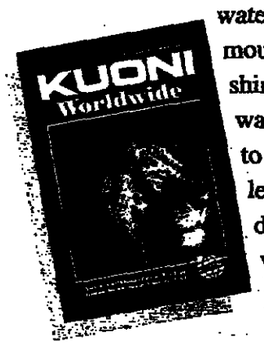


Miranda Richardson stars with Joan Plowright in *Enchanted April*, a comedy of manners that opens the 35th London Film Festival next week. Weekend Times sifts through the best of the rest

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Crime squad was out of control police report says

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A POLICE Complaints Authority investigation into the disbanded West Midlands serious crime squad has concluded that the élite unit was out of control, with inadequate definition of its work and little supervision of overtime, expenses or paperwork.

According to the report published yesterday, payments to informants were not properly managed, officers worked unnecessary overtime – much of which consisted of "meeting contacts" in public houses – and the interviewing strategy of suspects was poorly organised. Officers were found to have worked unrealistically long periods of overtime, increasing "the probability of such officers making errors of judgment, taking short cuts or circumventing legal rules".

Anyone who attempted to change the squad faced being moved from its ranks. Its leaders were guaranteed promotion, which meant they had no interest in change. Throughout the police service, forces are now not expected to keep officers in specialised squads for more than three years because of the dangers engendered by excessive loyalty or professional inbreeding. The West Midlands squad included men who had served for up to 15 years.

The investigation, carried by officers from West Yorkshire, was aimed both at the management of the squad and allegations of malpractice which have resulted in the investigation of 214 officers and 96 cases of complaint being considered by the public prosecution office. An increasing number of prosecutions brought by the squad have been overturned recently in the Court of Appeal.

Yesterday's report covers the management of the squad. Some separate reports on the allegations of malpractice have been sent to the Crown Prosecution Service and others are on their way.

The PCA investigators could not find some papers, including the original notes of interviews in 14 cases and five complete files. No pocket books, which record officers' duties, were found at the squad's headquarters in Birmingham, nor could the investigators trace documents concerning overtime, subsistence claims, duty sheets and other work which they expected to find in the offices of a busy squad.

The report says there was no evidence of the mass destruction of the papers "but the absence of the documents carries the unpalatable suggestion that some lines of enquiry may have been thwarted". While there was nothing to suggest the papers were taken from the headquarters around the point of disbandment, "it is reasonable to assume papers forming the present shortfall may have been removed".

Questions may now be raised about the whole management of the squad and why no action was taken until 1989, when Geoffrey Dear, then chief constable, disbanded it in the face of allegations of malpractice. The PCA report discloses that in 1985 a commander from Scotland Yard, investigating allegations against members of the squad, made a critical report to Mr Dear.

The PCA report, drawn up by Donald Shaw, the assistant chief constable of West Yorkshire, said the commander's observations were "seen by several officers of chief officer rank but the failures identified and referred to are repeated in a large proportion of the cases in this investigation". Mr Shaw wrote that if effective action had been taken in 1985-6 in particular to stop officers remaining in front-line positions too long, his investigation might not have been necessary.

Mr Shaw's report, which includes 17 recommendations for change, said: "It is with regret that the investigating officer recommends that should the chief constable decide to form such a unit, careful consideration should be given to the involvement of officers with service in the former squad."

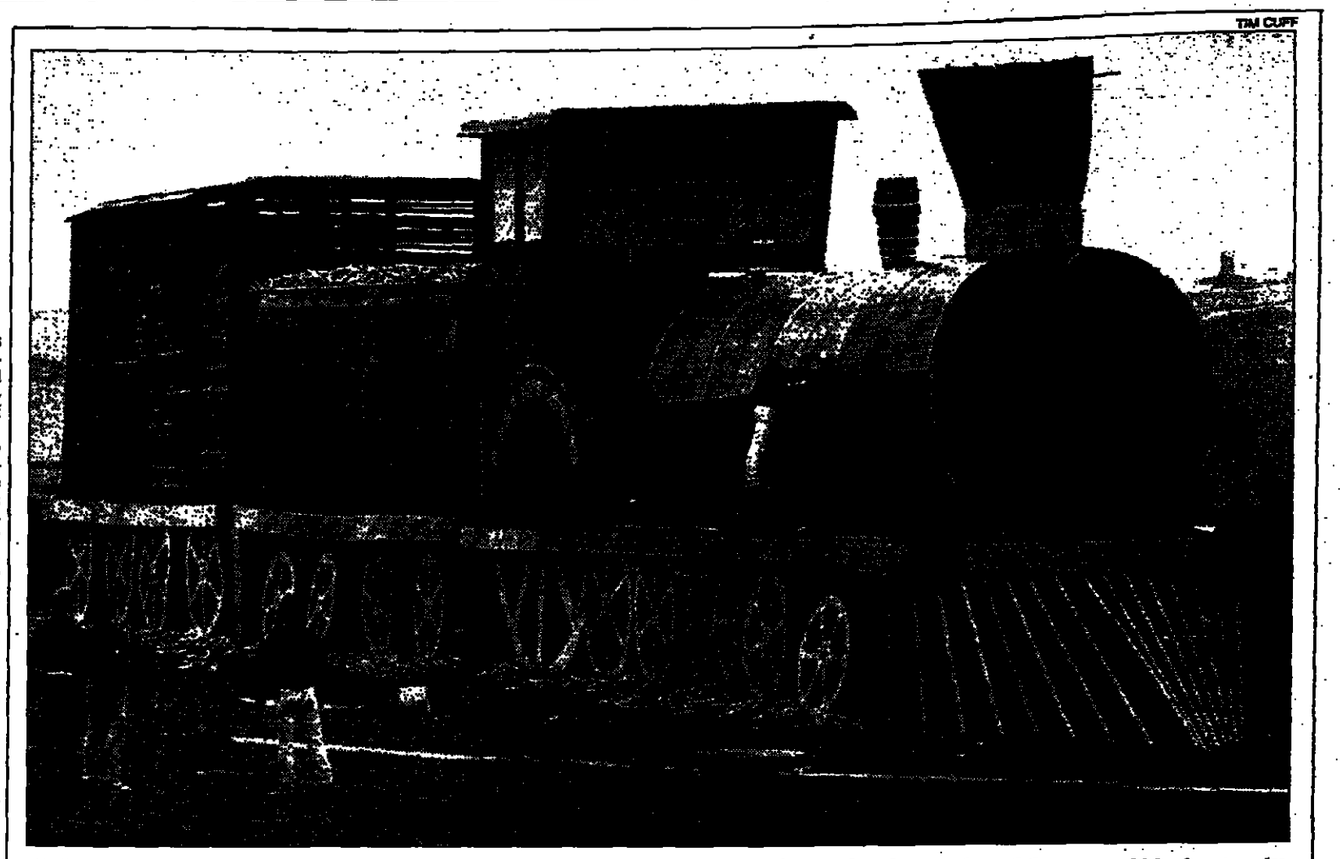
The investigation discovered the definition of the squad's work covered major crime yet officers were involved in much more local offences and their use was sometimes extravagant.

Ron Hadfield, the current chief constable of West Midlands, said yesterday: "I cannot come to terms with tarring them all with the one brush and saying to some of them 'You won't investigate serious crime again'."

He had some sympathy for some of the men caught up in the enquiry and said: "I would love to be able to redress a little of the balance. These men were trying their best to do what they thought had to be done."



Dear: given critical report from Scotland Yard



TIM CUFF

Blazing row: organisers of a bonfire in Torrington, Devon, putting the finishing touches to a replica Wild West steam train which will be set ablaze tonight. However, they have come under fire for inviting Buster Edwards, one of the great train robbers, to be their guest of honour. Bob Gilliat, of Ilfracombe, a retired colonel who heads the local crime prevention panel, said: "It is entirely wrong to give a platform to someone who has been convicted of such a serious crime." Steve Blake, the organiser of the event, which aims to raise £20,000 for charity, said that a relation of Guy Fawkes had been invited one year, "and if you think about it, people could say that was even worse". Weekend Times, page 1

Cervical cancer vaccine tested

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

HUMAN trials of a vaccine to prevent cervical cancer, which kills more than 2,000 women a year in Britain, will start next spring, it was announced yesterday.

Researchers in Glasgow are developing the vaccine from one already effective in fighting a similar virus that causes cancer in cattle.

"We have found in cattle that before a cancer tumour becomes fully malignant, the vaccine induces rejection of the tumour," Saveria Campo, senior scientist and molecular virologist at the Cancer Research Campaign's Beatson Institute in Glasgow, said yesterday.

"We believe the human vaccine can protect against viral infection of the cervix. The virus is primarily transmitted during sexual intercourse and the logical approach is to vaccinate both boys and girls before they become sexually active," she said.

The cattle disease is caused by bovine papilloma virus type 4, which is very similar to human papilloma virus type 16, known to lead to cancer of the cervix in women. About 4,500 new cases of cervical cancer are diagnosed in Britain every year. The disease can be cured if treated promptly.

Researchers are now planning the first human trials, which would involve healthy volunteers. In a second phase, women with signs of pre-malignant cells would be recruited.

Dr Campo developed the cattle vaccine with William Jarrett, professor of veterinary pathology at Glasgow University. Professor Jarrett played a leading role in the development of a vaccine against leukaemia in cats, and is also working on an Aids vaccine.

Drivers get gust warning

By TIM JONES

DRIVERS of high sided vehicles and motorists towing caravans were warned last night to take particular care today and tomorrow when strong gusts could make road conditions hazardous.

Heavy showers, increasing in intensity, can be expected in most regions although, with luck, the rain may hold off over Twickenham while the final of the World Rugby Cup is being played. The Meteorological Office said that although winds would be at times strong the main danger posed by the weather would come from leaves making road conditions treacherous.

In spite of heavy rainfall this week, many parts of the Southeast are still subject to hose pipe bans. During the early hours of yesterday traffic on the new Queen Elizabeth II bridge over the Thames was slowed from 50 to 30mph because of high crosswinds.

In north Wales, traffic had to be diverted through the town of Conwy when water from a faulty pump splashed water into the new £190 million tunnel. Conditions in the Channel are expected to be wilder.

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Independent schools hit by teacher shortages

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE country's leading independent schools are continuing to suffer teacher shortages, finding it particularly difficult to fill modern language posts, even though they pay about 10 per cent above public sector salaries.

A survey by the Headmasters' Conference, which represents 234 independent schools, shows that the number of applicants for each vacant teaching post continues to fall in every subject except English.

The internal report says that despite the drop in the numbers, the quality of applicants was improving except in modern languages. Geoffrey Parker, chairman of the conference and high master of Manchester Grammar School, said: "Modern languages are by far the most difficult posts to fill. We are simply not producing enough graduates and the few that we do, can find many other attractive opportunities.

"We are all trying to teach more foreign languages but the teachers are not there. In my own school we found it almost impossible to fill a vacancy in Russian. If our schools with their better conditions are facing these difficulties it is much worse in the state sector."

Independent schools continue to take a large number of their staff from state schools, with nearly one in four new teachers coming from the state system and only 8 per cent going the other way.

Some 38 per cent of recruits to conference schools – boarding schools including Eton and Winchester and large day schools – came mostly from other independents. State schools provided 24 per cent and training courses 17 per cent. Eleven per cent came from outside education and 8.5 per cent were untrained graduates.

☐ Universities will be encouraged to take on extra students under new arrangements agreed between the vice chancellors and the University Funding Council in order to meet the government target of doubling undergraduate numbers by the year 2000. The council said that efficient universities meeting buoyant demand for extra places would be rewarded with more cash so they could grow even faster, while those who fell short risked funding cuts.

☐ Primary schools were damaging children by concentrating on happiness and painting but very little learning, Michael Fallon, the junior schools minister, told a conference of the Association of Head Teachers in York yesterday. Progressive teaching methods had turned some schools into playgroups which served the teachers rather than the children, he said, and the government would take steps to improve the quality of primary school teaching. The National Union of Teachers accused Mr Fallon of commenting on a subject that he knew nothing about.

NUMBER AND QUALITY OF STAFF IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS 1990-91

	Maths	Science	Modern languages	English	Other
Quality higher	30	39	26	34	67
Quality lower	27	29	37	19	40
More applicants	18	29	16	24	28
Fewer applicants	27	38	34	21	55
Posts readvertised	8	6	12	14	22

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IRA jail escaper arrested

A member of the IRA who escaped from Crumlin Road jail in 1981 and was fighting extradition to Northern Ireland from the republic, was arrested by the RUC in Belfast yesterday (Edward Gorman writes).

Michael Anthony McKee, aged 35, was detained by officers at a house in Ballymurphy Road in the west of the city. He is thought to have been hiding in the roof. McKee was one of eight Republicans who shot their way out of Crumlin Road remand prison in 1981.

Two days after his escape, he was sentenced in his absence to 20 years for possession of an M60 machine gun, a rifle and ammunition.

McKee, who is married with four children and was interned without trial in 1973, was recaptured in the Republic shortly after the Crumlin Road escape. It is likely that he will have to serve only about 16 months in prison.

Musicians settle

The Royal Opera House in London will reopen on Monday with a triple ballet bill following a settlement with its orchestra last night. The house has been closed for two weeks at a cost of £600,000. The musicians, who had claimed a 20 per cent pay rise, agreed to 5.5 per cent plus increased overtime, offered across the board to Covent Garden staff, and £9 a week for for broadcasts.

BBC drops film

The BBC has dropped plans to show *The Last Temptation of Christ*. The corporation denied, however, that it had banned or censored the controversial Martin Scorsese film because of the protest by an all-party Commons group, which claimed it was "grossly offensive to reasonable people with reasonable religious sensitivies". A BBC spokesman said that the film had never been scheduled.

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Megson: party says she will not withdraw

Candidate wrote bounced cheque

THE Liberal Democrat candidate in the Hemsworth by-election was urged to withdraw yesterday after it was disclosed that a £400 cheque she had written had bounced.

Val Megson wrote the cheque in September to Les Craggs, a fishmonger, who supplies her two shops in the constituency. It was presented twice and marked "refer to drawer" both times.

The Labour party has called for Mrs Megson to withdraw from the by-election and the Conservatives have urged her to "do the honourable thing". However, Graham Elson, Liberal Democrat general secretary, said that Mrs Megson would fight on.

He said Mrs Megson's bank had told him that, when the cheque was presented, two cheques she had paid in were still waiting to be cleared. "The bank assured us this morning that, those cheques having cleared, there are sufficient funds in her account to honour that cheque if it is represented," he said.



Rover pulls plug on music

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

THE Rover car group yesterday banned its 26,000 workers from listening to personal stereos or ghetto-blasters while on assembly lines.

Executives have noticed an increase in shopfloor staff wearing earphones and listening to loud music, nodding in time to the beat while helping to assemble cars. In some areas, workers had brought in stereo equipment the size of a kitchen microwave and with enough power to fill a living room with music.

Staff complained that personal stereos, which have irritated travellers on trains and the Tube, were the only way to alleviate the boredom of having to cope with assembling cars coming down the production tracks every two minutes for eight hours a day.

Ian Strachan, Rover's spokesman, said last night: "The Walkman factor has produced a number of complaints from workers who were bothered by music coming from the stereo systems.

"The situation is just the same as being on a beach where there is a loud radio playing. For every person enjoying the music, 50 more are driven to distraction," he added.

The ban has also been taken for safety reasons. Robotic cars, which drive themselves automatically around the highly automated assembly areas, send warning signals as they travel up and down the factory floor delivering components and it is feared that they will not be heard above the music.

At Ford's Dagenham plant in Essex, where personal stereos are discouraged but not banned, one worker said last night: "The music is the only to stay sane when you are working constantly with no relief."

However, to prove it is not hard-hearted, Rover is offering to pipe radio into the factory over loudspeakers at "a reasonable volume". Workers will be able to choose which station they listen to for eight hours a day.

Drug blunder doctors found guilty of manslaughter

By PAUL WILKINSON

TWO hospital doctors were yesterday convicted of the manslaughter of a teenage leukaemia patient who died after a drug was wrongly injected into his spine. They were sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, suspended for a year.

The two men had denied unlawfully killing Malcolm Savage, aged 16, at Peterborough district hospital in March 1990. Michael Prentice, aged 25, a junior house officer, and Barry Sullman, aged 27, a house officer, had been at the hospital for just four weeks before the incident.

During their four-week trial at Birmingham crown court the prosecution had not alleged that either doctor intended to cause Mr Savage any harm, but accused them of "criminal failures" in their treatment of him. The court was told they ignored warnings about how the drug should be injected. Dr Prentice, who injected the fatal drug under Dr Sullman's supervision, later told his colleague: "We've just done a disaster."

The jury of five men and seven women took more than nine hours to find Dr Sullman guilty by a unanimous verdict. It returned an hour later to convict Dr Prentice on a majority verdict of ten to two.

Mr Justice Owen told the doctors: "You are far from being bad men. You could have been helped much more than you were helped. This could have ensured that this particular tragedy never happened."

The court had heard that Mr Savage, from Spalding, Lincolnshire, had suffered leukaemia since he was four. Every month he went to hospital for an injection of the drug Vincristine in his arm. Every other month he also received another drug, Methotrexate, in his spine. But the two inexperienced doctors administered Vincristine, for which there is no antidote, through a lumbar puncture into his spine. Senior medical staff attempted to prevent the lethal drug reaching Mr Savage's brain, but he died two weeks later.

Michael Spencer, QC, for Dr Sullman, from Manor Park, east London, maintained it was senior consultants and nursing staff at the hospital who were to blame for the patient's death. Anthony Arlidge, QC, for Dr Prentice, of Leicester, said if he had fallen short of the proper standards, it was because he was exposed to responsibility in a manner which he should not have been.

Peterborough health authority said last night the doctors would go before the General Medical Council, where their future would be decided.



Prentice yesterday: "Far from being a bad man"



Sullman: "Could have been helped much more"

MARTIN BEDDALL



Baton ball: guest conductor Mstislav Rostropovich enjoying himself at rehearsals yesterday with the London Symphony Orchestra for 12 concerts celebrating the centenary of his mentor Sergei Prokofiev, at the Barbican and Royal Festival Hall from tomorrow until December 1

Boxing injury

Watson makes slow progress

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Watson, the boxer who suffered brain damage during a contest six weeks ago, is emerging slowly from his coma but has not regained consciousness. Although specialists were being guardedly optimistic yesterday, the outlook for Mr Watson, aged 26, remains unclear.

After three brain operations to remove a blood clot and repair damaged vessels, Mr Watson was taken off a life-support machine last week and moved from the intensive care unit at St Bartholomew's hospital in the City of London.

Further surgery is not being contemplated, but his brain and other vital organs are monitored continuously. Kidney deterioration was detected at an early stage of the coma and has been controlled with drugs. Physiotherapists have been working intensively on his limbs and chest to maintain circulation and encourage responses.

Mr Watson is unable to eat or drink normally and is receiving food through a tube in his nose. "He has shown some sporadic and limited control of movement, but has made no attempt to speak," a bulletin issued by the hospital yesterday said.

Peter Hamlyn, the consultant neurosurgeon who performed the operations on Mr Watson, said: "The most critical time has passed, but the final outcome cannot be predicted and he is not yet out of danger. He has some control of his right side and can understand and respond to simple commands."

Actor's counsel dismisses Sun's 'Wonderland' case

By ROBIN YOUNG

The Sun newspaper was yesterday accused in the High Court of running an "Alice in Wonderland" defence against a libel action brought by the *Coronation Street* actor, Bill Roache.

The actor's counsel, Charles Gray, QC, said the jury should vindicate Mr Roache, who has played the character of Ken Barlow in the television series for the past 31 years, by awarding him large damages so everyone would know that the newspaper's article labelling him smug, self-satisfied and boring was indefensible.

Mr Gray said it was "impudent" of *The Sun*'s counsel, David Eady, QC, to equate Mr Roache's feelings with a fridge. Mr Eady had asked the jury, when considering damages, to think in terms of the value of a car, a holiday or a fridge.

Mr Gray claimed: "Mr Roache's professional reputation is on the line, as is his personal character." He dismissed a suggestion that the allegations were trivial.

Mr Roache, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, is suing *The Sun*, editor Kelvin Mackenzie and freelance journalist Ken Irwin over an article which appeared in November last year alleging the actor had been universally nicknamed "BKB — Boring Ken Barlow", was hated by the cast (for which *The Sun* has now apologised) and was regarded as a joke by producers and scriptwriters.

Mr Gray said *The Sun's* apology to Mr Roache was "monumentally hollow". Instead of showing contrition, the newspaper went on to stand by its allegations that the actor was smug, self-satisfied and boring and had come close to being fired on a number of occasions.

Mr Irwin even told the jury that Mr Roache was "secretly despised" by some members of the cast, and Mr Eady had added his own epithets, calling Mr Roache "patronising, preachifying and haughty", said Mr Gray.

In an "Alice in Wonderland" situation, the newspaper had subpoenaed two witnesses and both had said they did not think Mr Roache was either smug or self-satisfied. The newspaper would neither "put up nor shut up", said Mr Gray.

The case continues on Monday.

Starved nanny tortured by couple

By LIN JENKINS

A DOCTOR and his wife who treated their children's nanny as a slave, and tortured and starved her, were each jailed for five years yesterday by a judge who recommended that they be deported to their native Nigeria once their sentences had been served.

Judge van der Werff, passing sentence at Croydon crown court, said: "This is an awful and horrific case. Between the two of you, you enslaved and tortured this young woman, and slavery was abolished in this country 200 years ago."

Truman Abassah, aged 43, of Bexleyheath, Kent, who worked at the Brooke general hospital in Woolwich, south-east London, pleaded guilty to two charges of assault occasioning actual bodily harm to Helen Samuels, aged 25. His wife, Philomina, aged 36, pleded guilty to four similar charges.

Nicholas Jones, for the prosecution, had told an earlier hearing that Miss Samuels, who is Mrs Abassah's stepsister, had come from Nigeria to look after the couple's three children. She worked a 13-hour day, had no days off and was unpaid.

Dr Abassah had forced her to lie down, stuck a safety pin into her body more than 30 times and whipped her with the knotted flex from an electric kettle. His wife told Miss Samuels to stop bleeding on the carpet. Mrs Abassah admitted gouging the nanny's face with her nails and pulling her hair out.

The police were alerted by a neighbour, Doris Tapley, who heard screams and found notes begging for food by the garden fence. She left out sandwiches, cake and a chicken, all of which were taken. She said she had twice seen Miss Samuels at the front door with blood running down her face, and said she was always clothed in rags. She said the young woman ate only the children's left-overs, and had to sleep outside on the floor, even in winter.

Joyriding accused remanded for safety

By RONALD FAUX

TWO men charged with the manslaughter of a girl aged 12, who died when a stolen sports car went out of control in Toxteth, Liverpool, on Wednesday night, were remanded in custody for their own protection by Liverpool magistrates yesterday.

Christopher Lewin, aged 17, admitted through his solicitor to being the driver of the Mazda MX3 which ploughed into a group of children collecting for Guy Fawkes night celebrations in Granby Street, Toxteth. Adele Thompson died when she and two boys were struck by the car. Mr Lewin and his passenger, David Nnah, aged 21, were charged with manslaughter and the unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle.

Lawyers told the court that both defendants expressed their deep sorrow for the accident, which has left Daniel Davis, aged nine, critically ill and Christopher Nimbley, aged ten, injured in hospital.

Peter Wint, for Mr Lewin, said his client did not deny being the driver of the car, but there was a great variance between what he said and what was put to him by the police. He said Mr Lewin had surrendered to the police on Thursday to clarify the matter as quickly as possible. He appealed for any witnesses to contact his office or the police.

Kim Egerton, for Mr Nnah, said it was accepted that he had been the passenger in the car. He was as devastated as anyone by the accident, she said.

No application for bail was made. Reporting restrictions were lifted.

Obstacles on the road back to life

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

ALMOST a year after his accident, Andrew Allingham, aged 29, can walk up and down stairs unaided, although he prefers his parents to wait at the bottom if only for psychological support.

He also enjoys a walk across the autumn fields near his home in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, but his poor balance has led to the occasional twisted ankle. His gradual return to a normal life from the coma he slipped into last December, when he received severe brain injuries after being knocked down by a car, has impressed doctors.

Yesterday Mr Allingham, who was unconscious for three weeks and given less than a 50 per cent chance of survival, spoke of the battle facing Michael Watson, the boxer: "He will have a very difficult time adjusting after he comes out of his coma but he must persevere. I don't remember a thing about my accident and I don't know whether he will realise what happened to him in the ring."

Mr Allingham, who hopes to return to his job as a welfare rights adviser, underwent a series of operations at the Royal Free Hospital in north London after a blood clot was found on his brain.

Colin Shieff, consultant neurosurgeon at the Royal Free, said: "There are times when we all feel there is little future for a patient with brain injuries and then we are surprised by what he achieves at the end of the day. Sometimes recovery is less than perfect but a million times better than anticipated."

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Search for a Bush whacker

"The conventional wisdom says that a president who won the Gulf war and presided over the collapse of communism, who has been wafted along on a record tide of public approval, whose party has trounced the opposition in five of



the past six elections, whose opposition is cowed and divided — an incumbent president like that is a dead cert to be re-elected. Then again, there is this buzz in the air — a hint, of an intimation, of a tickle, of vulnerability: Bush can be had."

Joe Klein on the US presidential election, in The Sunday Times tomorrow

Dating ahead with Lichfield

By JOE JOSEPH

LORD Lichfield has added his weight to John Major's drive for more opportunities for women in Britain by unveiling his 1992 Unipart calendar, a year's worth of artistic photos of women (and their breasts) that the Queen's snap-crazy cousin took in various locations across Britain this summer.

"Women have always had more opportunities in the modelling world," says the elegant lord, who is coming to resemble a Burberry's clothes advertisement in the way that pet-owners come to resemble their dogs. "It's the one area where women have the advantage. Not every woman can do accounts. And not all women who can do accounts would make good pinups. Anyway, these aren't pinups, they're models."

Quite true. Where Lord Lichfield falters is when he adds: "I can't see that anything I have taken in this calendar couldn't be shown on family television," which rather misses the point. Bob Monkhouse is shown on family television, but that does not mean you would want to have pictures of him pouting at you from January to December, 1992. Especially not semi-naked.



Lichfield: argument fails the Bob Monkhouse test

Lord Lichfield has photographed 13 Unipart calendars which vie for space on garage walls with a rival calendar from Pirelli. Both car parts firms compete to show pretty women in artistic poses. But it isn't always easy. He had headaches last year securing permission to snap naked women on the streets of Manhattan. So he and his models, Kirsten, Clare, Lesley-Ann and Sarah, roamed England instead. They posed in Oxford, in Blackpool, in the rain. The bill, including Lord Lichfield's fee, was £130,000.

To give Fleet Street's finest snappers a chance to see how hard it is to take pictures of pretty women in artistic poses (that show their breasts), Lord Lichfield ferried the swimsuited models to Covent Garden, where they frolicked in nine tons of sand, beside a deckchair, three spades and a beach tent.

Passing children whooped at the sight of this convenient London beachette. But it was only after a chat through smiles and clenched teeth with the Unipart PR men that Lord Lichfield was persuaded to join his chilly models in the sandpit.

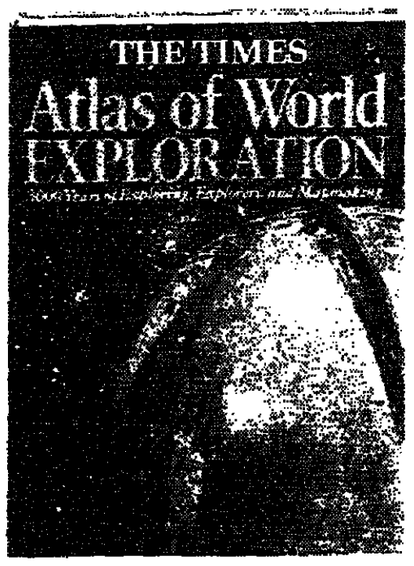
John Major might have called it a female public appointment, but the models looked distracted, as if they were mentally running down a list of alternative ways of earning a living. Possibly even learning to do accounts.

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Surprise victory for Tory right wing as key feature is carried over from community charge

Levy will retain a personal element

By DOUGLAS BROOM
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

TAX STRUCTURE

THE new council tax will be levied on individuals as well as properties as a concession to Conservative rightwingers, retaining one of the key elements of the poll tax. Under a proposal prepared by civil servants and approved in principle by ministers, council tax bills will bear a marked resemblance to bills for the community charge, which the new tax will replace in April 1993.

Although the total amount due will be based on the value of the property, the bill will break that sum down into two elements. Half will be levied on the property and the rest split between two adults at each address.

The concession surprised many Tory rightwingers who thought they had lost the battle to retain the personal tax element of the poll tax.

Whitehall sources said that the new council tax bills had been designed to make it easier to give 25 per cent discounts to single people by simply lopping off one of the two personal charges. Council tax bills would be addressed to the householder and the only records needed would be valuation lists marked to show which properties were occupied by single people.

A second change to the new tax was announced yesterday at the formal launch of the local government finance bill, which will set up the new tax. Michael Portillo, the local government minister, said that complex plans for discounts under the new tax, requiring councils to know incomes, had been dropped. "The benefit system will be much simpler and easier for everyone to understand," he said.

The new system would be similar to the one that operated under the rates. Householders who claimed rebates would be under a legal duty to declare the total incomes of all the people living at the property and councils would investigate further only if they suspected fraud.

The bill gives valuation officials the power to enter homes against the will of owners, but only in order to check on improvements and extensions for the purposes of valuation.

Most of the bill's 117 clauses and 14 schedules are taken up with definitions of who is liable to pay, formulae for the calculation of tax levels and enforcement procedures.

Anyone who occupies a "chargeable dwelling" will be required to pay, as will people living in caravans, tents and houseboats.

Owners of second homes and empty properties will be better off under the council tax. Under the poll tax they were required to pay a double tax bill but under council tax they will pay only the 50 per cent property element.

Heseltine's albatross, page 14



Shan't pay, won't pay: protesters on the anti-poll tax demonstration in London in March last year which ended with a riot in Trafalgar Square

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Paying dear for the accidents of history

By PETER VICTOR

THE LOSERS

EILEEN Whelan's mid-terrace "two up, two down" home in Hampstead Garden Suburb, north London, cost her less than £4,000 in 1962. Yesterday an estate agent said it was worth about £150,000, which would mean Miss Whelan would have to pay more for herself and her 90-year-old mother than she does under the poll tax.

The government's assessment of the amount payable in her property band amounts to £577, compared to the £247 each that Miss Whelan, aged 65, and her mother paid in poll tax. Miss Whelan does not qualify for a rebate because she has a "reasonable pension" from her career in the civil service, from which she retired five years ago.

She moved into her home as a tenant in the late Fifties. She and other tenants bought their homes when a partnership attempted to take over the properties in her suburb.

"All the homes in the suburb will be in the upper price brackets," she said. "Most of them are medium and small houses. The fact that they are worth a lot now is an historic accident. We look like an affluent area, but some of the people around here are poorly off.

"The people everyone should be looking at are those who are just above the social security level but, for historical reasons, are living in a house worth a lot of money. There are a lot of elderly people who are not aware what their houses are worth. Even if they were, they would not want to sell them because they like living here. "My rates used to be £1,000. It's swings and roundabouts."

Alan Lawson, aged 79, and his wife bought their three bedroom terrace house near by for £19,500 in 1976. It is now worth between £175,000 and £185,000. They are paying £247 each in poll tax, and will face a bill of £666 under the council tax.

Mr Lawson, a retired BBC employee, has gained almost nothing from the transition to council tax as his rates in 1988 were £681. His home is at the bottom of band G, which covers houses worth up to £320,000. "Let us face it, this has nothing to with fairness of burden," he said. "As long as the people with plenty of money get more, then the rest of us can go to hell."

With the council tax, he said, "it is down to the district valuer's idea of how much our homes are worth. And what do they do with the money? It goes to private contractors to make them richer."

Camilla Raab, a part-time freelance editor who lives in the same area, is a widow and lives alone in her two-bedroom home worth £140,000. Even with a 25 per cent reduction, her annual council tax bill will be £434, against the present poll tax of £247.

Having bought the house in 1973 for less than £20,000 she has seen it increase in value by an amount she describes as obscene. Her occupational pension means she will not qualify for rebates under the council tax scheme, though the increased bills will not mean she has to live in poverty.

Nevertheless, she said, the change in council taxation is "fairly monstrous. I would not mind if we were getting additional services to compensate for the extra payment. I have no one getting education, so I see no benefit there."

Mrs Raab, aged 69, works from home. "I appreciate that I am not in as bad a position as others. But then again we all have to pay, and I do not see what the local authority has to show for it."

POLL TAX RESULTS

Poll tax collection rates 1990/91

Council	% of budgeted inc collected*	Council	% of budgeted inc collected*
Best		**Worst**	
Castle Morpeth	118	Greenwich	77
Westminster	113	Bristol	76
Cannock Chase	110	Waltham Forest	75
Copeland	105	Birmingham	75
North Beds	105	Southampton	74
Maldon	105	Newham	71
Scarborough	105	Islington	69
Wyre Forest	104	Liverpool	68
Gateshead	104	Lambeth	67
Hambleton (N.Yorks)	103	Hackney	55

*Councils budget to collect between 90 and 98 per cent of the total amount due. Source: DoE.

Numbers jailed for non-payment

Council	No of adults jailed
Burnley	17
South Tyneside	5
Trafford	4
East Staffs	3
Gateshead	3
Thanet	3
Medina (IoW)	3
Ealing	2
Newham	2
Taunton Deane	2
Salford	2
Newcastle-under-Lyme	2
Poole	2
South Kesteven	2

In all 29 councils have jailed 67 people. Source: All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Fed.

Immediate/suspended sentences passed on non-payers

Magistrates court

Wycombe (Bucks)	41
Gateshead	36
East Gwent	34
North Sefton (Merseyside)	30
Salford	29
Lichfield	27
Grantham	24
Grimsby and Cleethorpes	23
South Tyneside	21
Macclesfield	18
Nottingham	17

Source: Home Office. Figures relate to the first 15 months of poll tax

Labour MPs still refusing to pay the poll tax: Ron Brown (Edinburgh, Leith); Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North); Terry Fields (Liverpool, Broad Green); John Hughes (Coventry North East); Dave Nellist (Coventry South East); Bob Parry (Liverpool, Riverside). Source: Municipal Journal

●Number on British electoral register has fallen by 140,000 in 1990/91
●Oldest poll tax rebel is Tom Hopkins, 79, imprisoned for two weeks on October 10, 1991 for refusing to pay his £288.42 bill
●250 councillors who have refused to pay their poll tax are to be given 14 months to pay or lose their right to vote on local tax bills.

Real refugees may be shut out, admits minister

By QUENTIN COWDRY
HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

HOME Office plans to curb abuses of the asylum rules could make it more difficult for some genuine refugees to escape persecution, the government admitted yesterday as it published its asylum bill.

In a surprise confession to journalists, Peter Lloyd, the Home Office minister responsible for immigration and asylum, said plans to stiffen checks on passengers' travel documents before they embarked on aircraft or ships bound for Britain carried a risk that some legitimate asylum claimants would be turned back.

The minister, however, maintained the new checks would bear most heavily on bogus claimants. "The traditional way genuine applicants escape is not to walk past the authorities at an airport, but to cross borders clandestinely," he said.

Mr Lloyd's comments, seized upon by asylum support groups as evidence of the harshness of the government's moves, came as ministers unveiled what is likely to prove the most controversial bill of the new parliamentary session.

Claiming the bill would bolster rather than undermine the institution of asylum, Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, said the package would reduce the number of claimants given "exceptional leave to remain" (ELR), a category often extended to people whose paperwork has become excessively delayed or complex.

Of the 4,060 claimants dealt with in 1990, 2,430, or 60 per cent, were given ELR. Asylum was granted to 980, or 24 per cent, of applicants and 650, or 16 per cent, had their claims rejected. About 30,000 new claims were lodged during the year. Mr Baker said that, in future, those granted ELR, a status also given sometimes to claimants who have married people lawfully settled in Britain, while they are awaiting a decision, would be "substantially the minority". He declined, though, to predict whether the changes would alter the proportion of claimants given full refugee status.

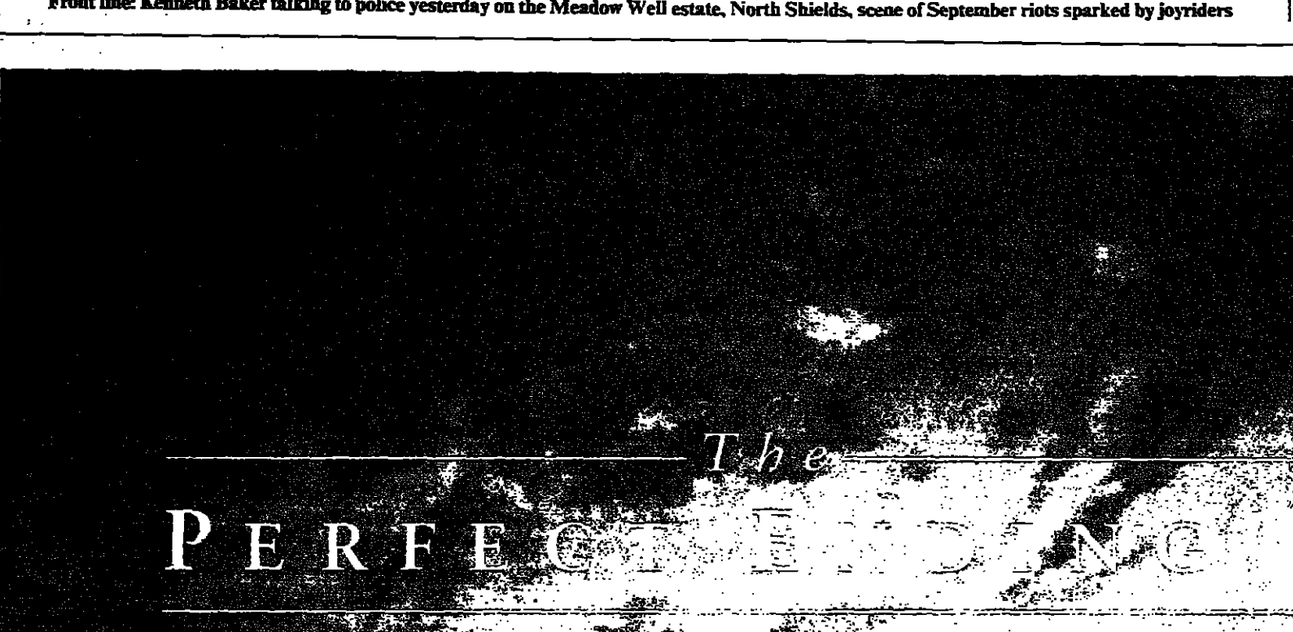
The asylum bill aims to cut the average time it takes to determine applications for asylum from two years to four months. To meet this target the Home Office plans to recruit 760 additional civil servants to screen applications, to create a fast-track appeals procedure for claimants with clearly unfounded cases and to assume new powers to reduce the amount of time a claimant can remain in the country after being refused asylum.

The package also includes the provision of 300 extra immigration detention places; the creation of a new power enabling officials to fingerprint asylum-seekers; and reduced rights to housing for applicants. Offsetting these moves, the government wants to give claimants refused asylum the right to appeal before being removed from Britain.

Mr Baker said: "I believe that my proposals are a fair and proper response to the magnitude of the problem and will protect the interests of genuine refugees while dealing quickly and effectively with those who misuse the system".

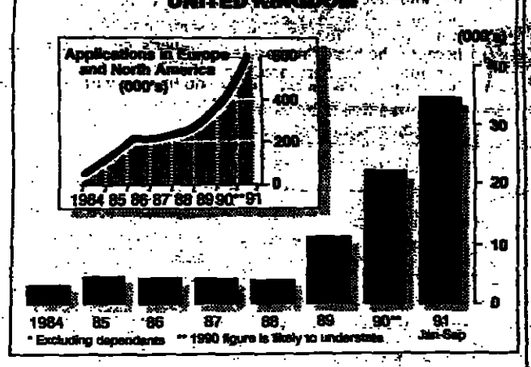
Numbers of claimants have increased from 5,000 in 1988 to an estimated 46,000 for the whole of this year. Since last November the backlog of people awaiting a decision has more than doubled to 60,000.

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TED DITCHBURN

Front line: Kenneth Baker talking to police yesterday on the Meadow Well estate, North Shields, scene of September riots sparked by joyriders



Yugoslav embargo gets Hurd backing

By PETER MULLIGAN AND JOHN WINDER

COMMONS

DOUGLAS Hurd yesterday gave his clearest backing yet to a selective oil embargo in Yugoslavia as he called for stronger pressures to help end the fighting there.

The foreign secretary told the Commons at the start of the second day of the Queen's Speech debate that recent attacks on Dubrovnik could not be justified by any political argument.

He said these had swayed many people into believing, as he did, that measures should differentiate between those factions willing to negotiate and those who were not.

Mr Hurd said: "I think it will be well worthwhile examining how an oil embargo would work."

Emphasising the need to increase pressures to help end the fighting, Mr Hurd also told MPs that it was time to suspend the EC's trade and co-operation agreement with Yugoslavia.

Hamilton allows for rethink

By SHEILA GUNN AND MICHAEL EVANS

ARCHIE Hamilton, the armed forces minister, left the way open yesterday for a government rethink on the number of army infantry battalions when he told MPs that "an awful lot could change" between now and the planned regimental mergers in 1993-4.

As the by-election campaign in Kincardine and Deeside entered its final week, Mr Hamilton appeared to give hope to those concerned about the future amalgamation of the Gordon Highlanders and Queen's Own Highlanders.

Under pressure from Labour and Liberal Democrats, Mr Hamilton said the amalgamations were not scheduled to take place in the first phase of the government's defence cuts and that Scotland came out well from the changes. "Clearly during that time, although the decisions have been taken, the military considerations could change," he said.

Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, had challenged him to repudiate comments made by Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, and Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, that plans for the merger between the two regiments, which recruit from the by-election constituency, would be reviewed.

Defence ministry sources emphasised yesterday that there was no intention of changing the government's decision on reducing the size of the army and amalgamating the regiments already listed for merger, unless there was a significant increase in commitments.

Millions paid out in error

By SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR John Bourn, the public spending auditor, has uncovered multi-million pound mistakes in payments to some of Britain's poorest families.

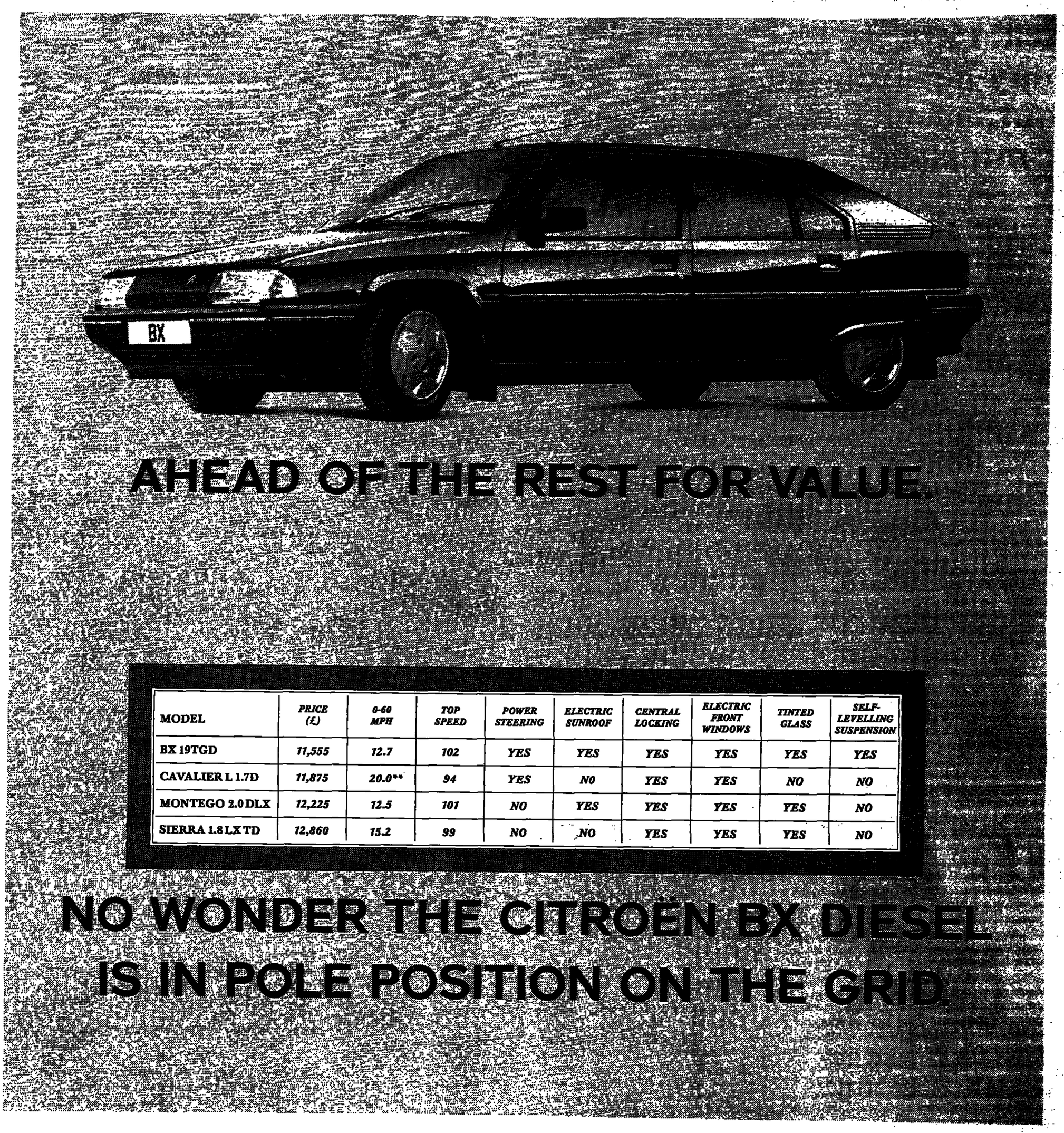
In the second report in a week criticising the social security department's accounting systems, Sir John blamed official errors in estimating claimants' income support and family credit payments.

An investigation by his auditors of a sample of payments of income support in 1990-1 found that mistakes were made in 13.6 per cent of cases. Overpayments totalled £261.5 million, 2.9 per cent of the total spending, and underpayments amounted to £83.4 million, 0.9 per cent.

"The main reason for the errors was official error by the department in calculating claimants' entitlements," he said. In 1989-90 a higher percentage of errors, 14.4 per cent, was discovered.

Sir John's investigation into a sample of family credit payments revealed that there had been wrong calculations in 15.5 per cent of cases. He estimated that overpayments totalled £11.4 million, 2.3 per cent of total spending, and underpayments amounted to £1.6 million. He blamed it on a failure to work out claimants' earnings correctly.

Michael Meacher, the shadow social security secretary, called for sanctions against the key social security department officials "because of their mismanagement of public funds". He said he would he would pressing for a Commons debate on Sir John's findings.



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As both sides in the hunting debate meet for another power clash, The Times examines the arguments

MARC ASPLAND



With a view to tradition: members of the Exmoor hunt trying to keep the hounds in sight as they hunted across Heddon Valley this week

Hunt opponents renew National Trust assault

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE issue of hunting comes back to haunt the National Trust at its meeting in London today. The gathering at Westminster Central Hall is likely to see a repeat of last year's impassioned debate at Llandudno, where a members' resolution banning deer hunting on trust land was narrowly passed, and a similar move on fox-hunting lost by a narrow margin. The trust has shelved the deer hunting question by setting up a two-year enquiry into its effects, meanwhile letting it continue on trust land, but has been unable to keep the issue off the agenda.

Three motions for debate, ostensibly concerned with procedural matters, will reflect the battle that has gone on over hunting animals with hounds since 1988, when the first members' anti-fox-hunting resolution was put and lost, while the question will be personalised by seven anti-hunting campaigners who are standing for election to the trust's governing council. The position of the trust is studiously neutral. Officials emphasise that the council is not pro-hunting. Many members devoutly wish the whole issue would go away, feeling that Parliament is the proper place to resolve it.

Two of the motions for debate, backed by hunting supporters, seek to limit the way in which future anti-field sports resolutions might be put. One proposes that no subject be brought up as a resolution more than once every five years; the other suggests that no resolution be debated unless 10 per cent of the trust membership is present in person or by proxy — about 200,000 people.

The third motion, put forward by hunting opponents, seeks to alter the trust's convoluted proxy voting rules, which the proposers feel allow the chairman continuously to maintain the status quo on trust policies.

The debates will be accompanied by an unashamed bid at entryism to the trust's higher echelons by seven opponents of hunting, who are standing for election to the 52-member council on an anti-hunting ticket, and who say that if elected they will use all their endeavours to bring hunting on trust land to an end.

The day will undoubtedly be a test of the chairmanship of Lord Chorley, the geographer peer who has taken over as the head of the trust from Dame Jennifer Jenkins.

☐ Pressure for a ban on fox-hunting intensified last night with publication of an cross-party Commons motion calling for immediate action (Sheila Gunn writes).

Dame Janet Fookes, Conservative MP for Plymouth Drake and former chairman of the RSPCA council, backed by six Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs, demanded legislation "to outlaw the pursuit and killing of animals for entertainment".

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In pursuit of a trickier prey than the fox

The division is not just between hunters and saboteurs but between country people and 'townies', writes **Bill Frost**

Rain dripped steadily from the brim of Captain Ronnie Wallace's bowler as a gale force wind stung his horse's flanks. However, the master of the Exmoor foxhounds seemed not to notice that the weather had turned hunt saboteur for this week's meet on National Trust land at Heddon Valley in an isolated corner of north Devon.

The master seem preoccupied with more than the elusive fox. Much as he hates to leave his corner of Devon and Somerset, he will not be riding to hounds today. Instead, Captain Wallace will be in Central Hall, Westminster, fighting for his sport's survival at the National Trust meeting.

Captain Wallace described the anti-hunting lobby as entryists, determined to wreck the National Trust in the same way that they had, in his view, ruined the RSPCA. "The vast majority know nothing of the sport," he said. "It is an unholy alliance of misguided Tory matrons and extreme left-wingers who, given the chance, will destroy the delicate balance of country life."

There are few on Exmoor who would disagree with the master. Local farmers who have lost young lambs and chickens are ardently pro-hunt. Reg Dallyn, who raises cattle and sheep, said: "A lot of land was bequeathed to the trust by people who wanted hunting to be maintained. You can't rewrite the terms of the will, no public body could or should. Hunting is the cleanest and most humane way of dealing with a pest." Claude Rogers, another north Devon farmer, spluttered with indignation at the prospect of a ban. "These townies! What do they know about losing lambs and chickens?" he asked. "It is none of their business anyway; I don't go up to London and say it is dirty and crime-ridden and should be closed down."

Exmoor people are closely linked with the hunt. Dusty stags' heads and stuffed foxes decorate the pubs; licensees compete with each other to host meets; local people rely on the hunt both for entertainment and employment.

In Exford, home of the Devon and Somerset Staghounds, the tradition is particularly strong. Ben Herod, aged 80, who runs the village stables, said: "Exmoor would die without the hunt. Some of us relies on it for our living, but all of us needs it. The hunt is our enjoyment, our sole topic of conversation. We don't want no outsiders trying to stop it."

Captain Wallace is keenly aware that opponents of hunting are closing in for the kill today. "These people want to turn the countryside into a giant replica of St James's Park. They have an image of the hunt being beastly to sweet little brown furry things. The alternatives are far worse, far more cruel: gassing, snaring and shooting often condemn the animal to a painful, lingering death," he said. "We respect the fox, he's a worthy adversary."

HUNTING: FOR AND AGAINST



No politics: Baroness Mallalieu, QC, the Labour peer who rides to hounds with fox-hunting and stag-hunting packs, is a prominent supporter of hunting among National Trust members. Today she will propose the motion that no subject be brought up as a resolution more than once every five years.

Yesterday she said: "We want to stop the trust being used as a public forum by any single interest group. It is essential that the body devoted to preserving our heritage, whether buildings or countryside, be non-political; hunting is an irrelevance. It is a great tragedy that people are standing for election on the anti-hunting ticket. If hunting were abolished, there would be an increase in cruelty to wild animals."



Against 'barbarism': Doreen Cronin, from West Quantoxhead, Somerset, who is one of the seven members standing for election to the trust council on an anti-hunting ticket. She proposed last year's successful motion against stag-hunting.

She said yesterday: "Obviously it was the fact that the trust has not implemented the deer-hunting resolution that caused us to stand. Deer hunting is archaic, barbaric and unnecessary. Fox-hunting is just as cruel. Of the 52 places on the trust's council, 26 are reserved for organisations with an interest in the trust's work, yet not one of them is an animal welfare organisation, although one of the original purposes of the trust was to preserve animal life."



Political change

Yeltsin given carte blanche for reform

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

AFTER hours of procedural manoeuvring and arcane constitutional debate, the Russian Congress of People's Deputies agreed yesterday to give Boris Yeltsin, the republuc's president, much of the additional power he seeks to introduce economic reforms.

But he was not granted the explicit right that he had sought to over-ride the republic's standing parliament and the constitution. He is expected to address the congress today to give his response.

As supporters and opponents of Mr Yeltsin fought their way through pages of amendments and small print, it emerged that the Russian Federation had won one of the year's most bitter battles with the old Soviet centre almost by default. A short announcement by Tass said that about 80 central ministries and departments would cease to exist from November 15.

By the end of yesterday, the 900 congress deputies had approved three separate resolutions: on "the social and economic situation in the Russian Federation", on "the organisation of executive power", and on "the legal guarantees for economic reform". The second and third resolutions were subject to ferocious wrangling, as Sergei Shakhrai, Mr Yeltsin's chief ally in judicial matters, valiantly fended off conservatives. Some of their objections were couched in terms of democratic and human rights, but most laid bare their desire to retain existing priorities and structures.

Taken together, the two disputed resolutions suspend planned local elections, allow Mr Yeltsin to make most top-level and many local appointments directly, and envisage the implementation of presidential decrees on economic reform that might conflict with existing Russian and union legislation. These decrees would still be subject to parliamentary objection and delay, however, and parliament itself is still empowered to initiate economic legislation.

The battle will now switch to questions of interpretation, and here the first resolution on the social and economic situation could prove crucial. Although couched in general terms and passed almost on the nod by deputies yesterday, it effectively gives Mr Yeltsin carte blanche to impose the economic reforms he envisages. It instructs the president and parliament to introduce and enforce reform legislation previously passed, but not implemented, and requires the passage of necessary laws from a list to be agreed by the president.

Much could still depend, however, on the new composition of the standing parliament or supreme soviet — supposing it survives as an institution after today. The constitution requires that a third of parliament's members should be rotated when the congress ends, probably today.

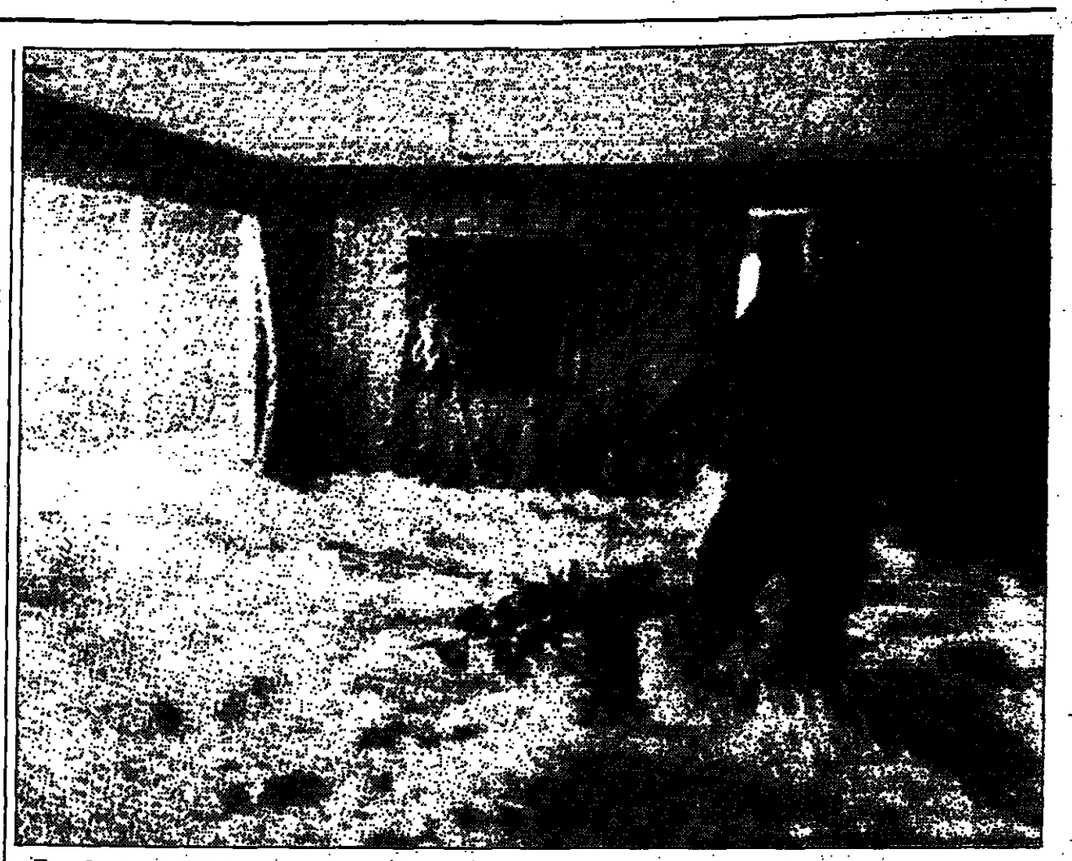
Dubrovnik faces new threat from army

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Yugoslav army said yesterday it would take "new steps" to force Croat rebels in the besieged port of Dubrovnik to surrender. The announcement was made as Yugoslavia's Serbian-dominated state presidency effectively banned foreign travel to all men eligible for military service on the grounds that war was imminent.

In Belgrade, the army said it was withdrawing its previous offers of a peaceful settlement to its one-month blockade of Dubrovnik. The offer was made at talks backed by the European Community. Lieutenant Savo Lukic said the EC would be notified of the army's new stand during talks later yesterday in Cavtat, six miles southeast of Dubrovnik, which would also include officials from the port.

However, Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, who is trying to stave off European sanctions, was reported to have agreed to an EC peace plan, but only if it guarantees judicial and other powers for Croatia's Serbs.



Forced entry: Dave Foley, a maintenance worker, struggles to stay on his feet as a huge wave crashes through the patio doors of the beach house he was repairing. Waves up to 20ft high pounded the Florida coast on Thursday

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Major talks with Kohl rescheduled

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR AND MICHAEL BINYON IN BONN

TALKS between John Major and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, to bridge the gap between British and German positions on European union have been rescheduled for November 10 after yesterday's session was called off when Herr Kohl flew to Italy to be at the bedside of his son, Peter, aged 26, who had been critically injured in a road accident and is in hospital with fractured ribs and internal injuries.

Downing Street conceded yesterday that German objections to a clause permitting countries to opt out of the economic union treaty were to be discussed. German concerns would explain why ministers have been less bullish than Conservative MPs expected about the latest draft of the treaty on economic and monetary union, which accommodates most of Britain's reservations.

Germany is likely to take a tough line in resisting any watering down of an Emu treaty because of its desire not to upset the French. Herr Kohl has for some time made German approval of an Emu treaty conditional on agreement on a treaty for political union. If a political treaty is not ready by the Maastricht summit, he will be under pressure to hold up the Emu treaty, which is much further advanced, in order to reassure German voters that he is not giving up the Bundesbank's control of the mark without achieving a political return.

If Germany vetoes the Emu treaty on grounds of linkage, however, the French would be furious. They regard the treaty as vital in recovering some sovereignty over the franc from Frankfurt. It would be easier, therefore, for Germany to object that the treaty draft was unsatisfactory. Mr Major recognises this danger. Britain also knows that Bonn would object to any treaty that gives all parliaments an opt-out clause, and therefore wants to limit this possibility to Britain. That in turn would be unacceptable to Britain on the grounds that it was being singled out.

German worries that the French end of the Franco-German alliance may enter a long period of instability give Bonn little room for manoeuvre. Herr Kohl recognises that he has to work hard to bridge the differences with Britain in a way that does not conflict with commitments to Paris to pursue European integration.

A senior British government source said yesterday that suggestions that Britain should be "jumping up and down" with pleasure were being resisted because the latest document was only a presidency draft and everything remained to be negotiated for at Maastricht in December. No. 10 had been aware of the German chancellor's reservations.

KGB chief makes a model inmate

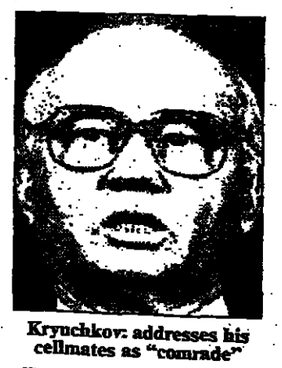
By MARY DEJEVSKY

VLADIMIR Kryuchkov, former chief of the KGB, is now a model inmate of Moscow's remand centre No.4. He eats every morsel of his prison food, talks politely to his cellmates and his behaviour has earned him an additional 20 minutes' exercise a day.

Aside from a few quirks — like sleeping on two mattresses, wearing his slippers to bed and addressing his cellmates from time to time as "comrade" — the man who once had the power to cut off all the Soviet president's telephones can barely be distinguished from other prisoners. He uses his enforced leisure to read the newspapers, listen to the radio and to prepare his defence calmly.

This "day in the life of Vladimir Aleksandrovitch" was recounted in *Izvestia* yesterday on the basis of an interview with one of Mr Kryuchkov's former cellmates, an as yet unconvicted accused felon who asked to remain anonymous.

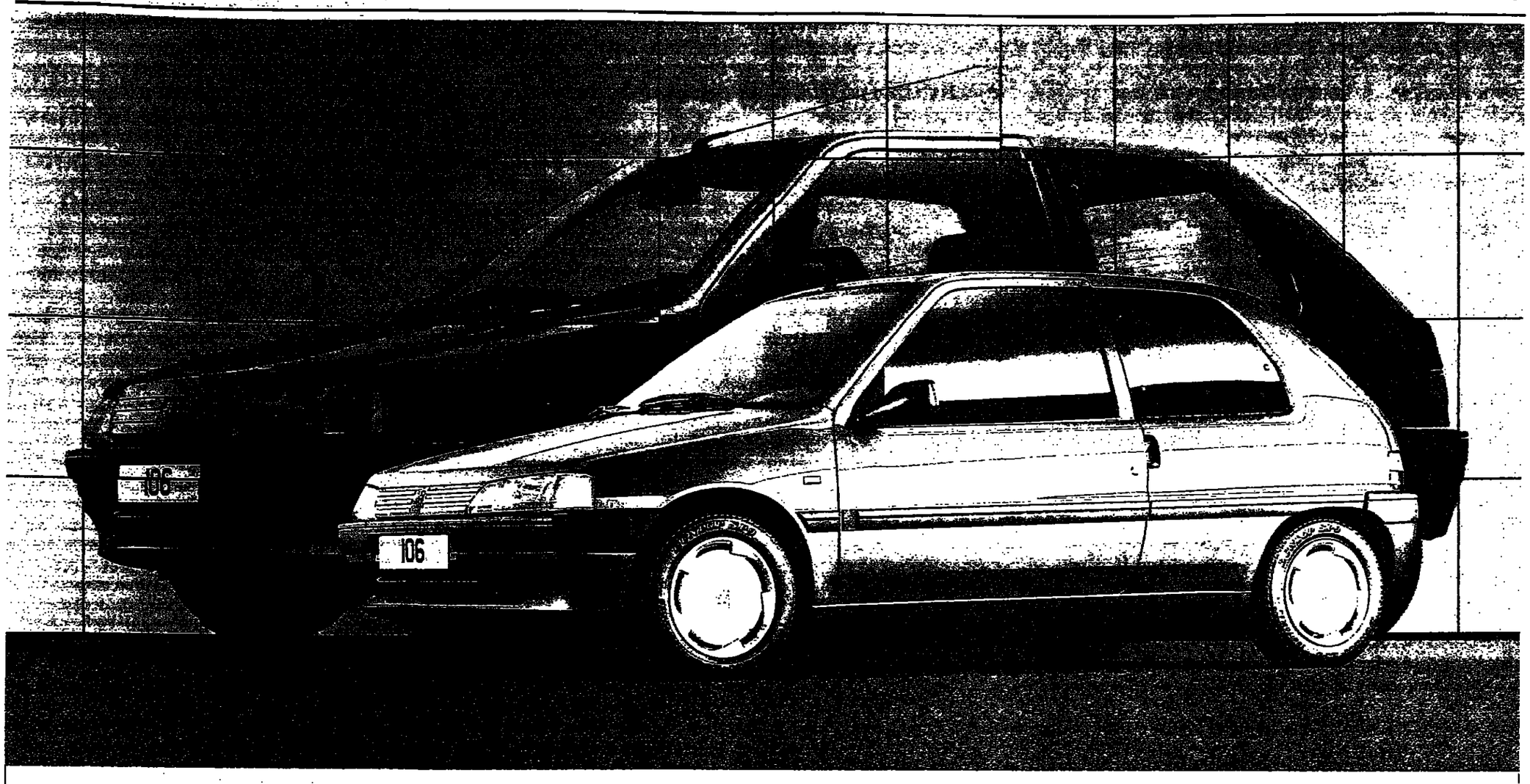
According to the newspaper, most members of the defeated "emergency committee" which plotted against President Gorbachev were brought into the remand centre late on August 26. Their arrival was preceded by a general clear-out at the centre in the Moscow suburbs. The common criminals and former guards were transferred, leaving only the elite of the underworld, among them bribe-takers and extortionists, and a constantly rotated guard made up almost exclusively of officers, all of them with the Russian tricolour ostentatiously sewn on their sleeves.



Kryuchkov: addresses his cellmates as "comrade"

Not long after the arrival of the committee prisoners, *Izvestia* reported, the remaining "regulars" noticed strange improvements in the quality of prison life with better food. The newspaper said that the regular prisoners were baffled. Then, one day, *Izvestia's* informant found himself transferred to a four-man cell. "And one of the inmates, wearing a warm hand-knitted sweater and track-suit trousers, introduced himself as Kryuchkov."

The anonymous prisoner noticed nothing particularly unusual about Mr Kryuchkov except his tendency to speak in smooth sentences, as though making a public address. The only time he was said to have shown distress was when he spoke of his family. The No.4 remand centre's special prisoner was modest in his ways and remarkably submissive.



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Zambian elections

Opposition heading for landslide victory

From JAN RAATH
IN LUSAKA

PRESIDENT Kaunda of Zambia appeared to be hurtling towards defeat yesterday with his political opponents on their way to a landslide victory in an election remarkably free of violence.

Twenty-four hours after the polls closed, only about a third of the results from the 150 constituencies had been declared. But the opposition Movement for Multiparty Democracy already had 44 seats to the ruling United National Independence party's five, and indications were that it had polled five times as many votes.

Only about half of the country's 2.9 million voters turned out. Independent observers said the 90 per cent polls in previous elections had been brought about by government coercion.

Zambia seems likely to become the fifth African country to change its government through the ballot box. In the two years since the communist regimes of Eastern Europe began to topple, the foundations of one-party rule in Africa have been shaken.



Kaunda: expected to step down with dignity

Dr Kaunda is one of Africa's best-known leaders and has often played an important mediating role in many of the continent's conflicts, including that in South Africa. The Zambian elections are seen as a warning for those other African countries still resisting change.

The huge support for Frederick Chiluba, leader of the Movement for Multiparty Democracy, is expected to come as a great shock for Dr Kaunda who, soon after counting began, had seemed confident that his party would secure an easy victory. Dr Kaunda has even lost seats in Eastern Province, regarded until now as solidly pro-government.

Yesterday, Mr Chiluba, the diminutive heir-apparent to the Zambian presidency, left his home-town of Ndola in the Copperbelt, the industrial heart of the country in the northwest and the centre of anti-government feeling, and was heading for victory celebrations in Lusaka.

Several shops in the capital were closed to counteract any eruption of violence, but most people went about their business routinely. Towards sunset the streets of the city began to resound with hooting as vehicles clattered along the pot-holed streets, their occupants giving the opposition's salute.

In Kitwe-Nkana in the Copperbelt yesterday morning several hundred opposition supporters marched down the main street, chanting slogans and waving branches torn off nearby trees, but witnesses said the demonstration, which passed by the ruling party's offices, was peaceful.

Judge Telford Georges, the Trinidadian-born leader of the Commonwealth observer group said that, so far, the elections had been "free and fair", adding: "The result should therefore fully reflect the will of the Zambian people.

"We must record our admiration for the Zambian people, whose behaviour throughout the [election] day combined maturity, patience and good humour." He said the election "will provide lessons for other countries which intend to change to a plural political system."

Judge Georges said he expected that President Kaunda would step down with dignity as he had promised. "I don't think he is the kind of person who will behave like a coward."

Kaunda is down but not yet out

By JAN RAATH

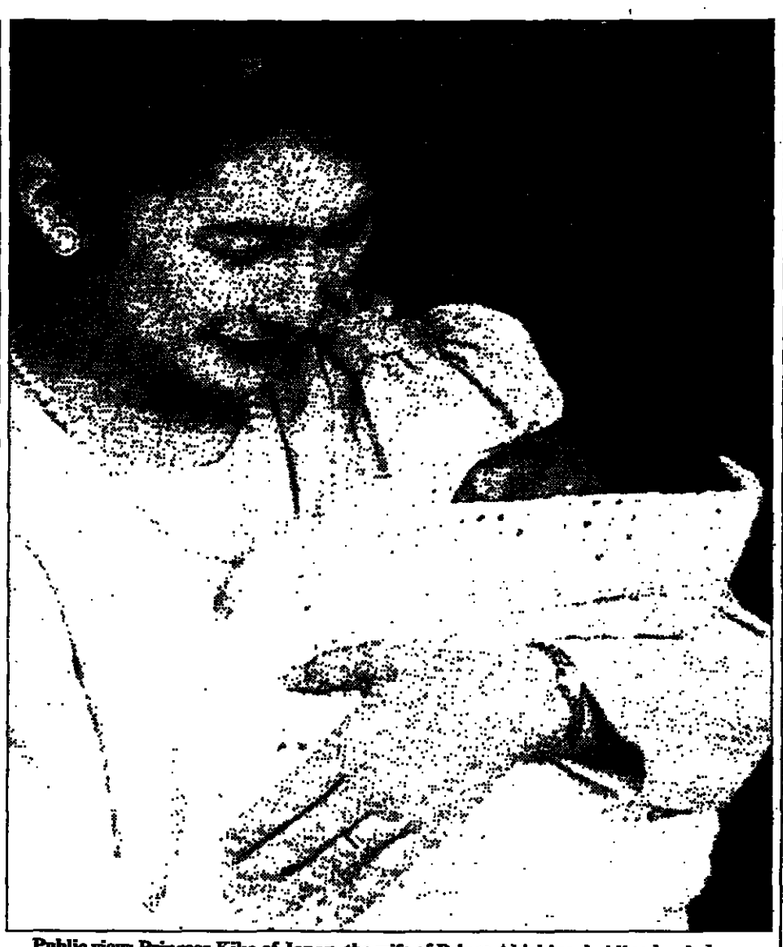
PRESIDENT Kaunda's last public act before it became almost certain that he faced defeat in the country's first multiparty elections was to sink a long putt on his personal golf course at State House.

In the background could be heard the shriek of the peacocks he keeps in the grounds along with several duiker antelope. These, his safari suit, his cravat, and the large white handkerchief he habitually holds between his index and second finger are all part of the eccentric image he has conveyed in his 27 years in power.

But some decisions went beyond eccentricity. He endorsed plans submitted to him a few years ago by Eric Winsom, a businessman, to manufacture diesel fuel from grass and this year he gave the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, former spiritual adviser to the Beatles, some prime Zambian farming land as part of the guru's project to create a "heaven on earth".

Dr Kaunda will, however, be remembered more for the way he wilfully reduced what had been the most prosperous nation in black Africa at independence in October 1964 to one racked by poverty and political subjugation. Behind the eccentricity and the avowals of Christianity has stood a dictator who tolerated no opposition.

His rule has, however, been marked by an almost total absence of the regional and tribal violence that has ravaged most other African countries, and even Frederick Chiluba, the leader of the opposition Movement for Multiparty Democracy who is likely to be the next president, has indicated that he would be happy for Dr Kaunda to play a role in the new "Third Republic".



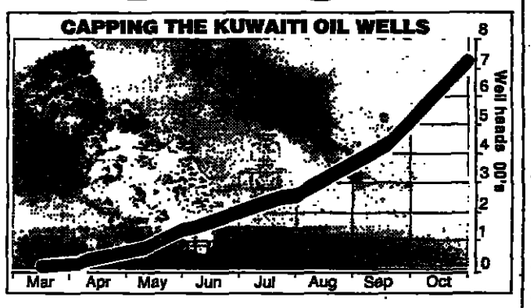
Public view: Princess Kiko of Japan, the wife of Prince Akishino, holding her baby daughter, Mako, yesterday as she leaves Tokyo's Imperial Palace hospital

Fire-fighters in Kuwait confound experts' gloom

By NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE columns of choking black smoke and the inferno of the Kuwaiti oilfields have given way to a carnival atmosphere as the 27 teams of fire-fighters, charged with tackling the sabotage of the retreating Iraqi troops, prepare to pack up and return home.

In just nine months they have confounded the experts' gloomy predictions that ranged from 12 months to ten years to control the 640 blazing and 92 gushing wells. Now only four wells remain and a special ceremony has been organised by the Kuwait government to cap the last well on Tuesday. The fire-fighters, more than 1,000 men from ten countries including America, Britain, China, Hungary, Canada, Iran, Kuwait and the Soviet Union, have been marking their achievement by parading through the Burgan oilfield on a caravan of splattered trucks, ambulances, and all-terrain vehicles dressed in multicoloured overalls. Samir Abdul-Mohsen Muhammad, a member of the Kuwaiti team, described the achievement as "a second victory" over Saddam Hussein.



The battle to win control of the oilfields began dramatically on March 18 when Forrest Irvin, aged 35, a US army sergeant, defied searing temperatures to extinguish a burning well in the al-Ahmadi field with his hands. The main effort, however, began slowly as teams from the Red Adair company, Boots and Coots, Wild Well Control, and Safety Boss, found the vital supplies of water, equipment and administrative skills needed were in short supply. Engineering firms and legions of inventors, frustrated at the slow progress and reports that the fires might damage the world's environment, demanded the chance to test their ideas. In Britain, the trade and industry department encouraged and was deluged with a huge number of novel suggestions, including modifying the Iraqi supergun, dispatching giant tractor-mounted candle snuffers and testing curious heat-resistant sprays. In the event they were never tried.

Only leaking oil wells were contained initially, but as the number of teams grew from four to eight by early April the fire-fighters began extinguishing blazing wells. By the summer 16 companies from more than a dozen countries had been engaged and the number of wells dealt with had climbed from 25 by mid-April to 249 by the end of July.

The teams were also getting faster. In March the capping rate was one every four days but by September, when 430 wells had been successfully tackled, the rate had risen to about nine wells a day.

Jerry Winchester, a fire-fighter with the Halliburton company, echoed the teams' and probably the world's sentiments: "To be able to see again a clear sky above Kuwait rather than drive in a black cloud makes me realise that it's over".

Holy rat pack lives the life of Riley

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
IN DESHNOK, RAJASTHAN

CHOTU Dan, head priest for 26 years of the rat temple of Karniji, is proud of his vermin. They are crawling up his leg, sitting on his shoulders and nibbling at the hard skin on his heels. "Dead skin is their favourite," he says.

It is evening in northern India, and tens of thousands of rats are rushing around the marble-tiled courtyard in a frenzy of gorging. They are piled on top of each other inside large bowls of millet; they are tugging at piles of bloody meat, diving into containers of milk and thrashing about in trays of milky syrup.

Chotu Dan, tenderly pushed some of them aside from a tray and drew out a handful of syrup. "Delicious," he said. After licking his fingers clean he bent and drank deeply from the rats' water bowl. This alarming piece of theatre had a message: our rats are holy and harmless.

Actually, he insists, they are not rats. They are incarnations of people. He goes on to explain that there is a rat hierarchy, whereby some of the rodents stay in the courtyard while others enter the inner sanctum. And there these brahmins of the rat world sit, bellies bulging, on a throne adorned with gold religious artefacts and silver bowls containing sweets.

Rats have been revered at Karniji temple, in northern Rajasthan, for 500 years. Legend has it that the temple was founded to honour Lakhan, the goddess Karniji's son, who was turned into a rat. Much of the present imposing structure, with huge silver doors and a majestic dome, was built earlier this century. Into the marble walls, large numbers of rat holes were carved leading to dark nesting areas, and the priests supply little rat-sized bales of straw for added comfort. The smell from these rat houses slams into one's nose and stomach. The area where dead rats are reverently laid out for the vultures is ten times worse.

In the chaos, it is easy to tread on a rat. Those who accidentally kill one are supposed to supply a rat-shaped solid gold or silver ornament to the temple. In practice they are fined heavily. Most people scrape their bare feet along the marble floor rather than take a potentially rat-killing step. Rats follow behind, fighting over bits of dead skin.



Dinner time: the rats tuck into a bowl of milky syrup

UN truce team flies to Phnom Penh

Phnom Penh — The first United Nations truce observers left France for Cambodia yesterday and are due to arrive tomorrow. They will be followed by an Australian team next Wednesday at the start of the UN peacekeeping mission (James Pringle writes).

The Australians are signallers, who will be based in Phnom Penh, Battambang and Siem Reap. The French troops will be responsible for providing air links for all the truce observers.

Hun Sen, the prime minister, will travel to Peking on November 12 to escort Prince Norodom Sihanouk back to Cambodia after a 13-year absence. The two men will fly back to Phnom Penh, the capital they will now share, on November 14, a Cambodian government official said.

Rebellion urged

Kinshasa — Etienne Tshisekedi, the head of Zaire's "parallel government" formed on Thursday, called on the army to rebel and "join the people in their struggle for democracy". The French and Belgian ambassadors signalled a vote of no confidence in President Mobutu's new government by snubbing its investiture.

Korean bombs

Seoul — An American official has said that North Korea has advanced nuclear technology and "could move very quickly" in producing atomic bombs. The comments came only weeks before a series of high-level American visits to South Korea by President Bush and James Baker, the Secretary of State. *(AP)*

Winner told

Oslo — Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese opposition leader detained in isolation in her home for two years, has now learned that she has won the 1991 Nobel peace prize and is very grateful, the Nobel Institute said here. Previously it was not clear if she knew of the award, announced on October 14. *(Reuter)*

Corruption claim

Kisumu — Further allegations of corruption in Kenya surfaced when a British policeman told a judicial enquiry into the murder of Robert Ouko, the former foreign minister, that he had documents claiming that Ouko was preparing a report on corruption before his death. *(AFP)*

Rebels give up

Manila — Lieutenant-Colonel Eduardo Kapunan, of the Philippines air force, a leading rebel, and 13 other fugitive officers have surrendered, and given undertakings not to participate in another coup attempt, three days before the return to Manila of Imelda Marcos, the country's former First Lady. *(Reuter)*

Skin complaint

Sydney — An Australian man has lost his job as a lifeguard because his skin is considered too light. Richard Garnsey, aged 25, was sacked by a Sydney council because it believed that his fair skin put the council at risk of a compensation claim for skin cancer, a doctor said. *(Reuter)*

Rights file is short on detail

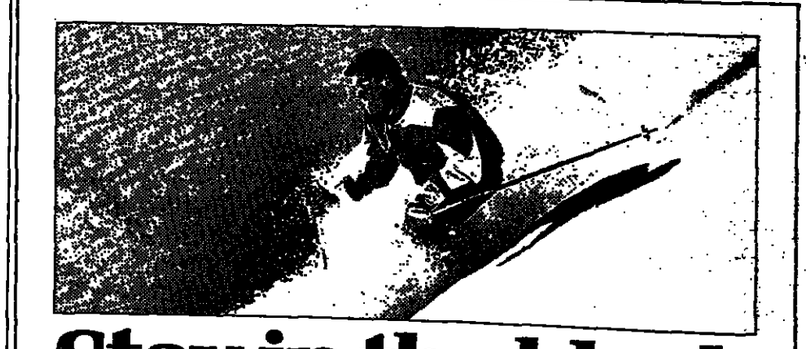
From CATHERINE SAMPSON
IN PEKING

PEKING yesterday produced its first comprehensive document devoted to convincing the West that China's human rights record in the past 40 years has been exemplary.

Chinese officials have told recent Western visitors that this 65-page document would render their criticisms of Peking's human rights record meaningless. But when it appeared it indicated no softening or change in Peking's position.

In the document, Peking conceded that there was room for improvement, and said it was ready to work with the rest of the world "to uphold and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms". However, it attacked foreign powers which sought to impose their human rights values on China.

Not only China's crime rate but even its political process was compared favourably with that in the West. The document is filled with information but does not address imprisonment without trial, the presumption of guilt, torture, and the widespread use of the death penalty.



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Americans put right to die to the vote

Charles Bremner reports that the state of Washington looks ready to become the first in the world to legalise euthanasia

VOTERS in the of Washington face a simple question next week: should doctors be allowed to help patients with terminal illnesses to kill themselves?

If the majority votes yes, as polls suggest they will, the state will become the first in the world to permit euthanasia and the floodgates will be opened to a national debate that will be easily as tormented and divisive as the feud over abortion. California, Oregon and Washington DC have plans for similar laws if Washington's is passed.

The referendum on Tuesday is the first to take the measure of the growing movement which views the "right to death" as a civil liberty that should be exercised as freely as any other. As it has around the developed world, euthanasia and assisted suicide have come to the fore in America with advances in medical technology.

They have seized national attention in recent months, thanks to *Final Exit*, a best-selling do-it-yourself guide to suicide by Derek Humphry of the Hemlock Society, and to the actions of Jack Kevorkian, a Michigan physician who has helped three women kill themselves with a home-made "suicide machine".

The proposed law goes well beyond the acceptance in many states and countries of the practice of pulling the plug on respirators and other technology which sustains the lives of the hopelessly ill. Under the law, which will become effective immediately if approved, a doctor may put to death patients by lethal injection or any humane means provided they have provided a written statement expressing the desire to die and two other doctors have certified that they have less than six months to live. To the concern of some otherwise pro-euthanasia critics, no waiting period is stipulated and there is no requirement for a psychiatric review.

According to Arthur Caplan, of Minnesota University, an authority on medical ethics: "It is the most important bio-ethical event I've seen in America. It is a break from a 2,000-year-old tradition that says doctors cannot harm." Polls show about 60 per cent of voters favouring the "aid-in-dying" law.

Emotions are high in the state. Opponents, who are backed financially by the Catholic church and include about half the state's doctors, are denouncing the law as either immoral in absolute terms, or, at least, the start of a "slippery slope" that could turn doctors into agents of death, promote the "involuntary suicide" of troublesome relatives and cause the premature demise of millions.

"If people blame the doctors now for playing God, just wait until they have the licence to kill," says Kay Lagreid , a spokesman for the campaign against Initiative 119, as the referendum is called. "Washington state could become a Mecca, a haven for anybody who wants to die."

Many opponents within the medical profession say doctors should not become actively involved in administering death. Apart from transforming the relationship with patients, the option of euthanasia would shift priorities away from research in methods of controlling pain. There would also be pressure on patients to choose suicide because of the financial burden of prolonged medical treatment.

In his sermon last Sunday, Cardinal John O'Connor of New York, America's leading Catholic, condemned the vote as an opening to nazi-style genocide, which had used the same rationale as euthanasia. "What will pass in the state of Washington ... will pass in state after state. And if we think that we are safe, then we are naïve," he said.

To make their point in simple terms, opponents are deluging the air waves of Washington with advertisements in which a nurse says: "I am a hospice nurse. Initiative 119 would let doctors kill my patients." The advertisements on the other side feature a cancer patient who says: "At the end, I want the choice to accept treatment, to refuse treatment, to die on my own terms."

Supporters of the law include the United Methodist church and several smaller Protestant denominations as wall as the other half of Washington's doctors. They argue that the safeguards are strong enough to prevent sudden decisions by unqualified patients. James Blue, a Seattle brain surgeon, said further safeguards could be worked out. The main point was that what people most feared was a long, painful death.



Under strain: William Kennedy Smith during jury selection for his trial at Palm Beach. He is facing charges of raping a woman at the Kennedy holiday home

Congress agrees Soviet aid plan

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

SENIOR American congressmen have dealt a near-fatal blow to the revolutionary B2 "stealth" bomber and agreed a daring plan that would let the Pentagon fly food and medical aid to the Soviet Union.

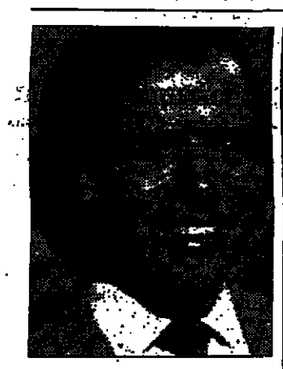
The plan, devised by Les Aspin and Sam Nunn, the chairmen of the House of Representatives and Senate armed services committees, would allow Pentagon funds to be spent for the first time on actively promoting stability in the Soviet Union as a way of enhancing the United States's own security. It would allow the Pentagon to spend up to $1 billion (£575 million) in 1992 on delivering humanitarian aid to the Soviet people, helping dismantle weapons of mass destruction and assisting the conversion of the Soviet defence industry to civilian projects. The plan forms part of the $291 billion defence budget for 1992 that Congress negotiators concluded yesterday and that the administration broadly approved.

That budget agreement rejects the Pentagon's request for four more B2 bombers. The negotiators approved funds to keep the production line open and to buy one more of the $865 million radar-evading planes in 1992, but only if technical problems were overcome and both the House and Senate agreed. As the House dislikes the B2, that would be "nearly impossible", one Republican said. The Pentagon first wanted 132 B2s, but may now receive only the 15 already ordered.

The budget agreement also includes funding for the deployment of an anti-ballistic missile (ABM) defence system in North Dakota by 1996 and for the renegotiation of the 1972 ABM treaty with Moscow so that six more sites can protect the United States.

● **Forces deal:** Nato is to propose a military information exchange on forces held around the world by the United States, the Soviet Union and European countries as part of future arms control measures, alliance sources said in Brussels yesterday (Michael Evans writes). A co-operation forum for Nato states and former members of the defunct Warsaw Pact is also to be proposed to allow discussion on security issues of common interest.

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Menem: investment and trade limits abolished

Menem sweeps out controls

From REUTER IN BUENOS AIRES

PRESIDENT Menem has issued a sweeping decree scrapping decades-old regulations over trade and investment in Argentina, including the abolition of all restrictions, quotas and limits on imports and exports.

Regulations on labour contracts and business hours are to be scrapped and the fixing of fees by professional guilds is prohibited. The changes mean Argentinians "will be able to buy cheap and better quality products and industrialists will be able to buy cheaper raw materials", Señor Menem said on television.

Gatt talks miss draft deadline

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

THE United States is cautiously optimistic about the prospect of wrapping up international trade talks by the end of the year, despite the failure of negotiators to meet a deadline yesterday on draft agreements for seven key areas, including agriculture.

In Geneva, Arthur Dunkel, the chairman of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, said that a deadline he set six weeks ago to accelerate the process had not been met. The so-called Uruguay round of talks collapsed almost a year ago over a dispute between the European Community and the United States over farm subsidies.

But a White House trade spokeswoman said it was believed that Mr Dunkel would have the drafts within several days, especially as trade negotiators are working round the clock in Geneva to finalise details. "This has not been seen as a serious setback," she said. "We are still cautiously optimistic about a successful conclusion of the Uruguay round."

More than 100 countries are involved in the most wide-ranging talks ever held under Gatt. The body was founded in 1948 to lay down international codes for trade.

US politicians are in public dog-house

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE senior Democratic congressmen, gathered in the office of Richard Gephardt, the house leader, became ever gloomier as Peter Hart, a pollster, reported what American people thought of them.

The public viewed Washington's politicians with disgust, he said. It perceived them as concerned not with the public good but their careers, beholden not to their electorates but to the pressure groups that financed their campaigns.

Nearly 3,000 miles away, in Washington, state radio advertising has been reciting congressional sins – a $3,500 billion (£2,060 billion) national debt, the $500 billion savings and loan scandal, the shameful Clarence Thomas hearings, Congress's immunity from its own legislation, handsome pay rises approved at dead of night, the private bank at which congressmen bounced 8,331 cheques in a year, and their $300,000 debt to the Capitol Hill restaurant.

"It isn't hard to see why our country is in trouble," the advertisements declared. "Let's take back our government before it's too late. Vote 'Yes' on Initiative 553."

Initiative 553, propelled onto Washington's ballot paper by a 254,000-signature petition, would restrict the state's congressmen to three two-year terms. If approved next Tuesday, it would be the 11th victory for the term-limits movement at state or city level and the most significant. Polls show 70 per cent public support. California, Colorado and Oklahoma have approved term-limits and ballots are looming in up to 18 other states.

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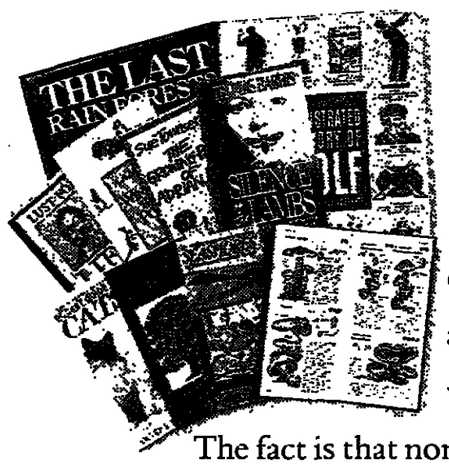
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ARAB-ISRAELI CONFERENCE, DAY 3: QUEST FOR PEACE SURVIVES EXCHANGE OF INSULTS

Shamir's guerrilla past under attack by Syrian minister

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN MADRID

YITZHAK Shamir's blood-stained past as a leader of the Stern Gang, the most extreme of the anti-British terrorist groups in mandated Palestine, returned yesterday to haunt *the vituperative* end of the first stage of the Middle East peace conference.

In the diplomatic equivalent of a Scud missile attack, Farouk al-Sharaa, Syria's foreign minister, astounded delegates and infuriated James Baker, the American Secretary of State, by holding up a copy of a British wanted poster of Mr Shamir at the age of 32. Discarding his prepared text, Mr al-Sharaa launched into a vicious personal attack on Mr Shamir. He later claimed he had been provoked by Mr Shamir, who moments earlier had dismissed Baathist Syria as "one of the most oppressive, tyrannical regimes in the world".

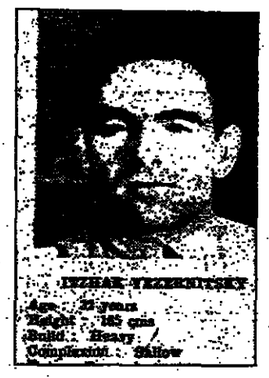
Waving the poster in his right hand, the minister asked: "Why was his picture distributed? It was distributed because he was *wanted* himself. He himself recognised that he was a terrorist, that he practised terrorism and that he helped with the assassination of Count Bernadotte, the UN mediator ... he killed peace mediators."

Folke Bernadotte, the Swedish diplomat, was murdered in Jerusalem on September 17, 1948, by members of the group named after Avraham Stern, and known by its Hebrew acronym LEHI (standing for Lohanei Herut Israel or Fighters for the Freedom of Israel). Mr Shamir, a commander of the Stern Gang, has never openly admitted his connection with the attack, ordered because the United Nations mediator was planning to grant UN control of Jerusalem and hand over key areas in the holy city to the Arabs.

As Mr Al-Sharaa launched his diatribe, claimed by one Israeli official as having "exploded" *the conference*, Mr Shamir had already left the Royal Palace in Madrid to return to Israel, saying he must do so before sunset marked the beginning of the Sabbath. He has never denied his involvement with LEHI, regarded by the British as more ruthless than the Irgun with which another former Israeli *prime minister*, Menachem Begin, was involved. Even today, British Foreign Office officials make reference in private to Mr Shamir's terrorist origins.

"I am not surprised by the extreme and unbalanced remarks of the Syrian representative," Mr Shamir replied when the charges were put to him on his return to Tel Aviv. "I am not perturbed by that."

Arab officials said that Mr al-Sharaa had been carrying a



Wanted: old poster from Shamir's past

copy of the poster during the conference in readiness for an outspoken attack on Syria. His production of it was sparked off by Mr Shamir's earlier speech, which was itself made in response to what the Israelis felt were anti-Semetic remarks in Syria's opening address on Thursday.

Mr Shamir claimed that the estimated 4,000 Jews left today in Damascus were living in "perpetual terror". He also accused Syria of being "the home of a host of terrorist organisations that spread violence and death to all kinds of innocent targets, including civil aviation", presumed to be a reference to the 1988 PanAm bombing over Lockerbie.

Described on the poster as being "165 centimetres tall", Mr Shamir was renowned for his skill as a escapee. He escaped from British custody at least twice, once from a prison camp in Eritrea from where he made his way to France.

Mr al-Sharaa's attack, warmly applauded by many Arab delegates, destroyed any hope that the first phase of the peace conference would end on an upbeat note. He also accused Israel of hijacking a Syrian civilian aircraft in 1954 and a Lybian airliner, with at least 100 passengers on board, in 1973.

Only a few weeks ago in Israel, Mr Shamir justified the violence practised by the Jewish terrorist groups as essential to the struggle for Israel's independence. Stern killers were also responsible for the murder in Cairo of Lord *Moyne, British minister to the* Middle East.

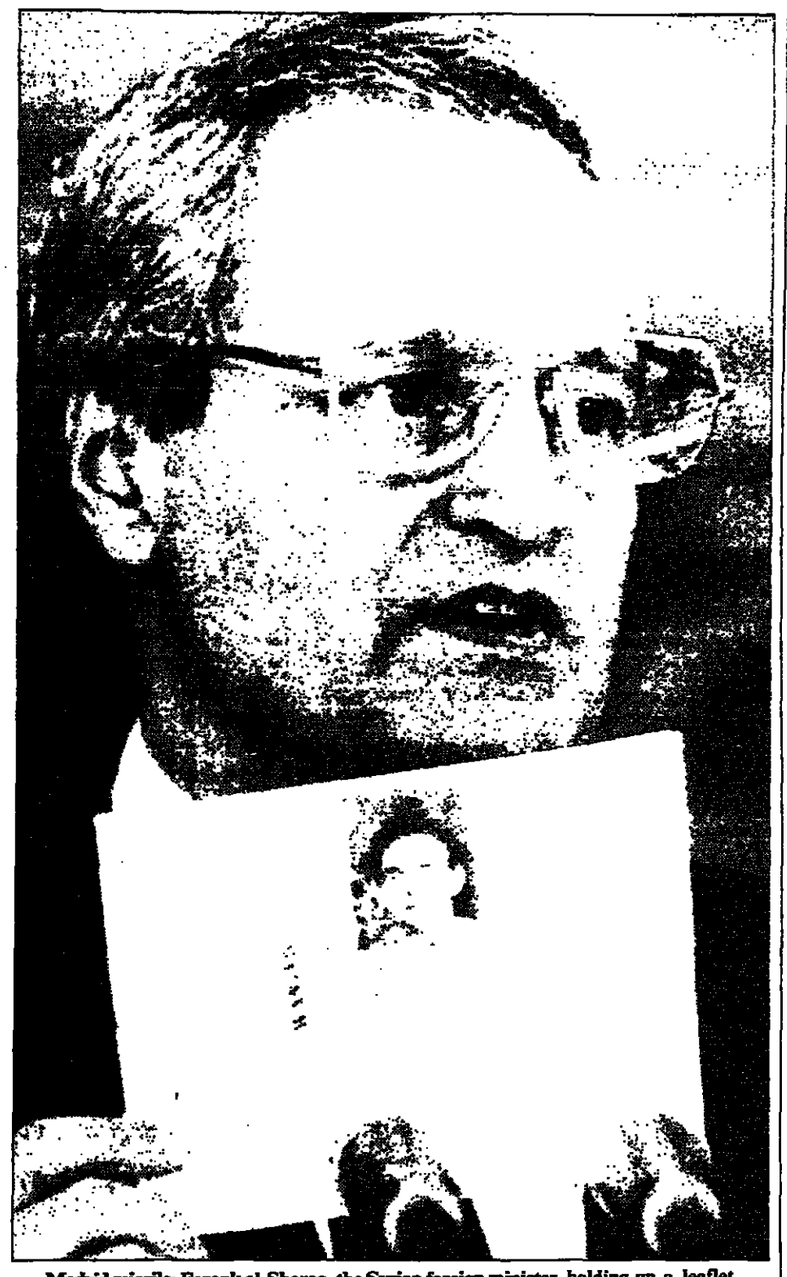
Mr al-Sharaa was so carried away by his outburst that both Mr Baker and his Soviet counterpart, Boris Pankin, had to hand in stiff notes warning him he had run over his allotted time. It fell to Amr Moussa, the suave Egptian foreign minister who spoke next, to try to cool tempers with a speech recognising that Israelis as well as Palestinians had "rights".

Syria has long been on the American State Department's list of nations supporting terrorism. President Assad is accused of approving the Syrian army's brutal suppression of Muslim fundamentalists in Hama, with an estimated loss of 20,000 lives. Syria was also implicated in the attempted planting of a bomb on an El Al airliner in London. The country has sheltered the PFLP-General Command terrorists who are suspected of masterminding the bombing of the PanAm plane that crashed at Lockerbie. American intelligence has also linked Syria to the bombing of the west Berlin discotheque, killing American servicemen, which provoked the American air strike on Libya.

But in its worldwide survey of terrorism last year, the State Department said that there was no direct evidence of Syrian involvement in terrorism, apart from Lebanon, since 1987. Damascus has been collaborating with Iran and others in obtaining the release of Western hostages held in Lebanon.

But while reining in some of the activities of terrorist groups, the Syrian government has not made any attempt to close down cells operating on their soil or to expel them from the country.

Baker rebuke, page 1



Madrid missile: Farouk al-Sharaa, the Syrian foreign minister, holding up a leaflet of Yitzhak Shamir, during a vicious attack on the Israeli prime minister yesterday

Tough talking is largely for home audiences

From RICHARD BEESTON IN MADRID

BILATERAL TALKS

THE sight of Arab and Israeli journalists exchanging insults in the main press room of the Madrid peace conference yesterday perfectly summed up the state of Arab-Israeli relations at the end of the first round of what had been cited as an historic opportunity for reconciliation.

While the tough talking and uncompromising stands appeared to have hardened *positions, the public re*criminations were intended largely to satisfy domestic audiences and to state toughest possible positions before the face to face negotiations due to begin tomorrow. In spite of problems over the venue of the bilateral talks, *James Baker, the American* Secretary of State, can take heart from the fact that none of the parties has abandoned the process and that, in the face of great provocation, both Israelis and Arabs were prepared to sit, albeit uncomfortably, around the same table and *listen to each other's* arguments.

The real bargaining will get under way once the bilateral talks begin behind closed doors; Israelis, Syrians, Lebanese, Jordanians and Palestinians will then be able to make concessions more easily. Washington would like to see confidence-building measures adopted by both sides as a means of tackling the main *issues of security and land.*

Among the possibilities are the release by Israel of Palestinian detainees, a freeze on Jewish settlement construction in the occupied territories and the lifting of the Arab economic boycott against Israel and the suspension of the intifada. After the opening it is clear that the most difficult issue will be finding any common ground between Israel and Syria, whose animosity is so intense that it could derail future talks. Israel's negotiator will be Yossi Ben-Aharon, the hardline director-general of the prime minister's office.

The same cannot be said about the Palestinian-Jordanian delegates, who have displayed a far more compromising attitude and are prepared to negotiate details of a five-year autonomy plan leading to a final settlement to the question of their status. From the Israeli side the talks will be conducted by Elyakim Rubinstein, the cabinet secretary and former lawyer, who was a member of the team which successfully negotiated with Egypt at Camp David.

The Lebanese talks, conducted on the Israeli side by Salai Meridor, a defence ministry official, are expected to be entirely dependent on the outcome of the Syrian-Israeli discussions, since Beirut's policy is now controlled by Damascus and Israel has insisted it will not pull out of its "security zone" in southern Lebanon until all Syrian troops are evacuated from the rest of the country.

The first round of the peace process may not on the surface have made an auspicious start, but it was applauded by Henry Kissinger, the former Secretary of State and the last American diplomat to have succeeded in peace making. While commending Mr Baker, *he predicted tough and painful* negotiations and said: "I do not envy him for the nerve-wracking months ahead."

● **Sidon:** Some of the greatest victims of the Arab-Israeli conflict live in the teeming Palestinian ghettos on the outskirts of Sidon, but few of the hapless residents think they will benefit from the events in Madrid (Adam Kelliher writes).

"The Jews don't want anything out of this conference but water," said Munir Maqdah, the bearded military commander of the sprawling shanty town of some 80,000 dispossessed people. "Our cause has been going on for more than 40 years. During this time there have been many conferences and resolutions, but have we ever been given anything?"

His disillusion was stated during many random interviews conducted on theunpaved streets of the slum named Ein el-Hilweh. Most Palestinians arrived after the first Arab-Israeli war in 1948 and count their homes as being in Israel proper. They *have little desire to go back to* any returned occupied territories. Unemployed young men clustered on street corners, and questions about the peace conference inspired animated discussion.

MADRID NOTEBOOK by RICHARD BEESTON

Camp followers grab limelight

No international conference on the scale of this week's Middle East peace talks would be complete without the media groupies and hangers-on who accompany such events as faithfully as the scavengers behind a medieval army.

Evangelists from the American Midwest, Spanish campaigners against the spread of drugs in Madrid, and fanatical Jewish protesters, have all attempted with varying degrees of success to secure a few seconds of air time before the hungry cameras of the world's media. One enterprising German has flown to the Spanish capital with the intention of making his fortune by offering to sell journalists "the real story behind the peace talks" – for $1 million in advance.

Not everyone is motivated by greed, as an astonished James Baker, the US Secretary of State, discovered at a press conference this week when he was questioned by an alleged journalist from Italy. "Mr Baker, many international media have published that many Italians are *instruments of the heavenly* powers. They are announcing that the decisions of this conference depend on the realisation of the third secret of Fatima. This was never recognised by the church, and this means they will cause a third world war. What do you think about that?"

Mr Baker, who in eight months of shuttle diplomacy through the Middle East can justifiably claim to have heard everything, replied: "I did not hear the first part of your question ... I heard the last part and since I do not understand it I will not try to answer it."

Arab participants criticised Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli leader, for his controversial decision to leave Madrid early to return home before the Jewish Sabbath comes *into effect at sundown, and* the country ceases to function.

His critics might be more sympathetic to Mr Shamir's race home if they knew that lesser mistakes have cost Israeli leaders their jobs; Yitzhak Rabin, the former prime minister, lost the support of the key religious parties when he took part in a ceremony marking the *arrival of a new batch of* American warplanes that spilled over into the Sabbath.

While Mr Shamir returned safely home before the deadline, the observant Jews in the delegation who remained behind faced a gruelling and possibly hungry weekend. The Spanish have gone to great *lengths to keep the delegates* safe and comfortable, but the job of accommodating practising Jews apparently *proved insurmountable.*

Most Spaniards have had little contact with Jews, since their expulsion five centuries ago, and a search for a kosher restaurant and delicatessen proved fruitless. Orthodox members of the Israeli team were horrified to discover that few Spanish dishes do not contain ba*con, salami or ham.* "Most of us brought tinned food, and otherwise we are sticking to fruits and vegetables," said one unhappy Israeli.

Confusion in foreign ministry

From PAUL ADAMS IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Shamir returned to Israel from the Madrid talks yesterday to encounter a renewed argument over the role of his foreign ministry in the peace process.

Yosef Hadass, the deputy director of the foreign ministry, and Eytan Bentsur, his deputy, also returned home. According to Uri Oren, an adviser to David Levy, the foreign minister, the two were ignored as possible delegation heads for the bilateral phase of the peace talks.

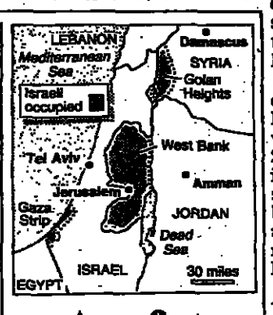
"We were surprised to hear that the Syrian committee will be given to the defence ministry," Mr Oren said. "The foreign ministry is asked to do almost nothing." When Mr Shamir announced that he would lead Israel's delegation to Madrid, Mr Levy refused to go, accusing the prime minister of neutralising the foreign ministry.

Opposition parties yesterday called for Mr Levy's resignation. Mr Oren said that the minister had no intention of resigning.

Mr Shamir avoided the issue at Ben Gurion airport. But he predicted further obstacles in the peace process. "These negotiations will be strewn with many dangerous mines which could turn into serious obstacles," he said.

One obstacle will be the venue of the bilateral talks. Mr Shamir said Israel had agreed to attend a preliminary meeting in Madrid, but repeated his preference for the Middle East, saying: "We *think it is* important the process will continue in the region."

Israeli warplanes launched *three air strikes in south* Lebanon yesterday, apparently in retaliation for attacks by guerrillas opposed to the talks, Muslim fundamentalist sources said. The strikes were followed by an artillery bombardment by Israeli and allied South Lebanon Army militia gunners, the sources said.



Arafat attacks speech

From ALFRED HERMIDA IN TUNIS

YASSIR Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, has accused Yitzhak Shamir, *the Israeli* prime minister, of challenging the international community by refusing to trade land for peace.

Mr Arafat told *The Times* yesterday that Mr Shamir's opening speech at the Madrid peace conference showed he was "*out of place and out of* time". In his speech Mr Shamir had issued a warning that the talks would reach an impasse if the Arab parties insisted on the territory issue.

The PLO leader said this was contrary to the purpose of the peace conference. Mr Arafat said the Madrid talks had been called on the basis of United Nations resolutions 242 and 338, which speak of an Israeli withdrawal from the territories occupied in 1967.

"Shamir has to understand," said Mr Arafat, "that this conference has been held *according to* President Bush's initiative, of which the first item was peace for territories. Now ... in his first speech, Shamir wants to cancel and ignore President Bush's initiative. Unbelievable! Why has Shamir gone to the conference to repeat his old slogans?"

Mr Arafat said Israel's refusal to discuss land for peace was a sign that it was not willing to compromise. He said this was *not a challenge* to him or the Arabs, but to the international community, and the co-sponsors of the con*ference*, the United States and the Soviet Union.

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Heseltine's albatross

Tony Travers on why the council tax could prove to be another vote-loser

The Queen had hardly sat down after delivering her Speech when the government yesterday published the bill to introduce the council tax. The new law will have to be forced through both Houses in order to minimise the risk of the bill being lost because of the election. The timetable will be very tight, offering aggrieved backbenchers considerable power over the whips. For there are many MPs in the South whose constituents will be pole-axed by the council tax. All the anomalies of the old rating system, in which a two-bedroom semi in Wembley paid twice as much local tax as a similar one in Doncaster, will be restored. Backbenchers from the South-east may cause Mr Heseltine more than a little embarrassment if they do not get concessions.

But the council tax is only half the problem. The community charge, the biggest vote-loser since the winter of discontent, still has plenty of destructive potential. Everything that could possibly go wrong with the community charge has gone wrong. Arrears have built up and the courts are clogged. But worse is to come. Unlike the piles of rubbish in the streets in 1979, the current problem cannot be swept away within a few days. Even if all goes well, Mrs Thatcher's flagship will still be leaking oil on to the beaches in 1993, when the council tax starts.

Since January, the government has stuffed billions of pounds into chargepayers' pockets in the hope that the losses so damagingly targeted on marginal voters would be forgotten. The extra cash has suppressed public anger, and the community charge for next year is supposed to average £256. But gloomy forecasts from the metropolitan authorities have suggested that a number of inner city areas – containing more than a few marginal constituencies – may have to add up to £100 to next year's bills to make up for non-payment. Millions of people have built up hopeless arrears, while others already believe that the poll tax has been abolished. People in the cities who expect a £256 bill are in for a nasty shock.

Imposts to make up for non-payers cause enormous grief, particularly among law-abiding folk who have chosen not to become part of the arrears statistics. Tory backbench MPs identify strongly with the "have paid, won't pay any more" tendency among their constituents.

In the lower-spending and broadly arrears-free shire counties and districts, another problem looms. Although community charge add-ons should be much less than in urban areas, the effects of capping may be more noticeable. After six years of tax limits, most of us have become used to the annual cries of "cuts" from London boroughs and metropolitan districts. Happily for the government, it has been easy to attribute reductions in services in these areas to the mayhem in a number of town halls. But it is much harder for the Conservative leadership to blame cuts in, say, Somerset or Warwickshire on profligacy and looniness. Both counties are Tory-controlled, yet both were capped in 1991. Many more counties, and possibly dozens of Tory districts, may be capped next year. Fear of such treatment may lead to pre-emptive cuts in councils where there is little fat.

So just as the election campaign reaches its final weeks next spring, there is a fair chance of some alarming poll tax bills in the cities, and real cuts afflicting a number of lower-spending councils. No wonder that the DoE has delayed publication of next year's council finance details in the hope that a few extra pounds can be wrung out of the Treasury. Now that both major parties are committed to low local tax bills and high-quality services, Tory strategists could do without such a double dose of poll-tax poison.

In the longer term, there is danger for the next government. The amassed community charge arrears at the end of 1992-3 will make it difficult to collect either the Tory council tax or Labour's fair rates from many households. Revenue officers report the growth of a non-payment culture in city areas. It is likely that councils will still be chasing poll tax as late as 1996. The community charge might just kill off the council tax.

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Our conventions of personal naming are a muddle of presumption, sexism and snobbery, argues **John Grigg**

Trouble with moniker

In the last century and well into the present one, grown-up British people, with rare exceptions, addressed each other by their surnames. What we now call first names (then Christian names) were very little used outside the family. Men who became friends would drop the Mr and use their bare surnames as a mark of intimacy: eg Holmes and Watson. First names were only generally used for, and among, children.

Today we have gone to the other extreme. People tend to be on first-name terms from the moment of introduction, and surnames are often hardly mentioned. Moreover, first names are relentlessly abbreviated, particularly in the media: Susan becomes Sue, Terence Terry and Robert Bob not only to friends and relations, but to millions who know these people only as faces and/or voices.

In many supermarkets girls are labelled with their first names, a practice once chiefly associated with the oldest profession. (To enhance the effect, Frenchified names seem to have become all the rage.) Asked to identify themselves over the telephone, young men or women in offices are likely to reply "Tom" or "Stephanie" *tout court*, and to be rather surprised when asked to give their surnames as well. Yet a first name alone is seldom adequate to identify a person; as in a map reference, two indices are normally needed for anything like precision.

Is it unreasonable to suggest that a middle course might be found between Victorian stuffiness and the present sloppiness? When first names are cheapened, the coinage of human relations is debased, and when surnames are treated as expendable, individuals suffer a loss of definition and therefore of dignity. There are, however, good reasons for considering changes in the rules governing personal modes of address, to reflect changes of outlook that have rightly come to stay. Gross invidiousness of the social kind, and between the sexes, is no longer regarded (except by a few) as necessary or desirable. Yet the way men and women are styled in Britain is still objectionable on one count or the other or both.

Between men, the chief cause of trouble is the suffix Esquire. Debrett lists a number of arcane categories to which this term may, with some show of customary validity, be applied. But hardly anybody outside the office of Debrett or the College of Arms knows what the categories are, and in practice the suffix is used quite arbitrarily to convey a vague sense of social superiority. As such, it has outlived any true value or meaning it may once have had. It would be better if every man here without a specific and recognised title were to be Mister (Mr) on paper as well as in speech.

On the female side, the position is worse, because whereas we do not differentiate stylistically between married and unmarried men, such a differentiation still exists among women. The attempt to escape from it by means of the abbreviation Ms has not really worked. Most married women are still addressed, and wish to be addressed, as Mrs, while most unmarried women are still addressed as Miss. Ms is used by feminists to make their point, or by male chauvinists trying to make the opposite point, though of course it is also used by unprejudiced correspondents in a state of honest doubt.

The best solution would be for Miss to disappear and for all women to be Mrs. Mrs is a familiar term which, unlike Ms, also sounds nice. The Mrs/Miss distinction is invidious both between the sexes and among women themselves.

Another problem for those genuinely concerned about sexual equality is that a British woman when she marries is expected to abandon her family name and assume her husband's. Until recently it was thought correct for her to take his first name as well, but this custom seems to be gradually dying out; it is hard to believe that about 15 years ago, the late Sir John Colville (admittedly a stickler for such things) wrote in a book that the leadership of the Conservative party had been won by "Mrs Denis Thatcher".

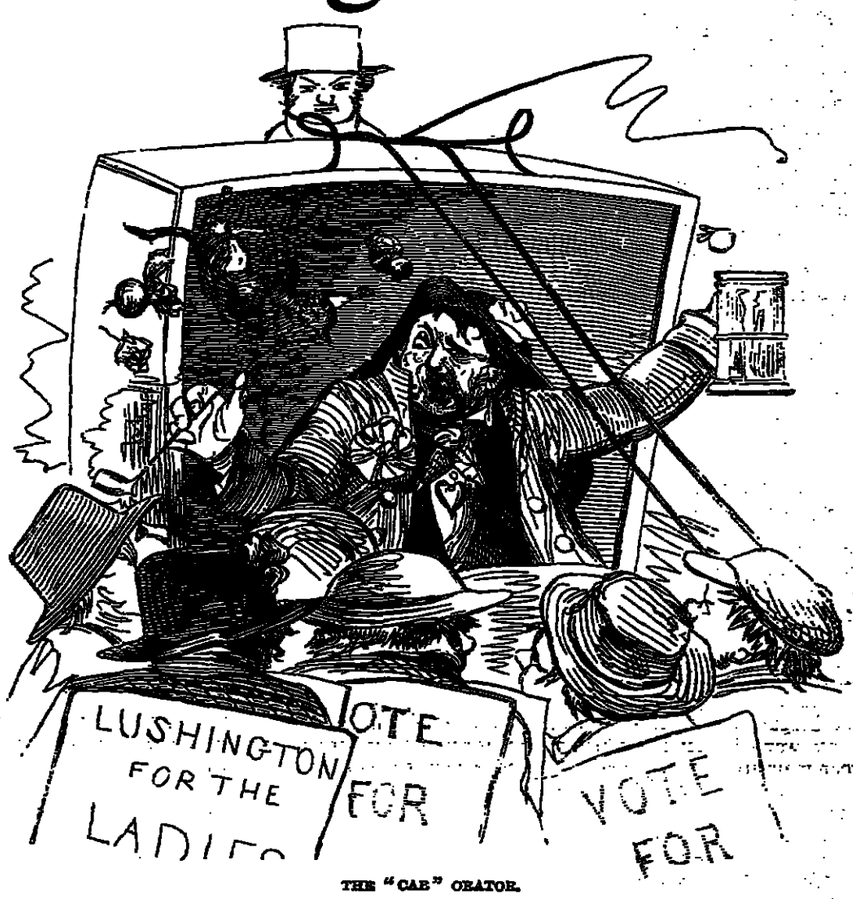
In Spain, a woman couples her own family name, or part of it, with that of the man she is marrying, which seems a good idea. But she preserves it only for one generation, because when her daughter marries it is her father's, rather than her mother's, name that she couples with her husband's.

Our name problem is complicated by our peculiarly intricate system of titles. Although only a tiny percentage of the population is directly involved, a great many people are fascinated by the system and few are totally indifferent. Our minds are conditioned to regard titles as having a substantial and objective quality. I once saw an advertisement for the newly redecorated Banqueting Hall in Whitehall, drawing special attention to the painted ceiling "which earned Rubens his knighthood". We could be sure that Rubens was all right since he had "got his K".

Our titles system is a national game which, like any other, has its rules. In the past we used to smile, contemptuously or indulgently, at foreigners for their failure to understand the rules, as when they called Sir Joe Soap "Sir Soap". But now they can smile at us, because ignorance of the rules has become almost universal here. To argue, as some might, that such rules are too trivial to follow is to raise a most dangerous question. If the rules have ceased to matter, why play the game at all?

A ride on the tiger of reform

Ferdinand Mount says Tories too must be ready to back constitutional change



THE "CAB" ORATOR.

Like spending more time with one's family, constitutional reform is a hobby that politicians tend to take up when out of office – and, alas, to drop when they get back in again. Where have all those Tory supporters of proportional representation from the late 1970s gone? Gone to be junior ministers every one. And what has become of Lord Hailsham's dark broodings about "elective dictatorship"? Interviewed the other day, the old boy sounded remarkably chirpy about the prospects for the British constitution: "We are probably the most successful political society that has ever existed."

These days, it is thoughtful Labour men like Robin Cook who are worried about an excess of strong government. The vast majority, I hazard, of those who are assembling for the "constitutional convention" at Manchester this weekend will be of the moderate left-centre. There is, now as always in the past (at least as far back as Balfour), a faint but unmistakable whiff of bad faith about late converts to constitutional reform: their sudden anxieties for stability, moderation and pluralism sound a bit artificial; their elegant proposals seem all too patently inspired by the lust for power, and look inadequate to resist an abrupt change in the political climate (one is reminded of the dye running off Dirk Bogarde's hair when it came on to rain in *Death in Venice*).

Nor are the reformers' specific proposals invariably cogent enough to withstand sustained examination. Charter 88, the Institute for Public Policy Research and most of those assembling at Manchester take it for granted that proportional representation is fairer than first-past-the-post and more likely to produce stable and moderate government. But is it fairer to substitute government-by-the-least-objected-to for government-by-the-most-desired? As for moderation, even if proportional representation did not accelerate Hitler's rise to power, it did not markedly slow him down. Take for example proportional representation in countries beginning with I. Is it the incorruptibility and stability of the Irish and Italian governments that we wish to imitate, or the moderation of the Israeli government?

I am unconvinced too by the indignation whipped up on certain other topics – for example, against Mr Hurd's 1989 Official Secrets Act, which has quite effectively removed the absurd criminal element from the law, except on matters of national security. The normal business of government is now subject only to the equivalent of normal commercial standards of confidentiality – with the normal disciplinary sanction of the sack – and so it should be.

But the real objection to the recent spate of constitutional manifestos is the absence of any coherent and principled sense of what has gone wrong. Proposals for more direct democracy, for more checks and balances, for more individual rights, for more elections and inquisitions and assemblies are all thrown in together without any apparent grasp of the possibility that some of these purposes and proposals might be in conflict. For example, electing High Court judges, or subjecting them to parliamentary confirmation à la Judge Thomas, would scarcely be likely to improve their independence. There is little attempt to analyse in any depth our peculiar parliamentary monotheism, which is now unique in the civilised world.

As Nevil Johnson pointed out a decade ago, "there has over a fairly long period been a retreat from constitutional ways of thinking in Britain". Accordingly, "we are left floundering in a world of pure pragmatism".

History has become impatient with our sluggish understanding. We are being propelled, half-conscious, half-protesting, into new premises. Constitutional reform has become an inescapable part of political business, rather than a pleasant distraction from it. Anyone who expresses an interest in the subject is liable to be asked: "Oh, so do you want a written constitution then?" – as though this were an admission of some unmanly practice, such as wearing galoshes or a safety helmet when cycling.

But the answer to this question is not at all difficult. We already have several written constitutions, the European Community Act of 1972 and the European Convention on Human Rights being among the more prominent. The problem is rather to *patriate* those basic laws, so that British parliamentarians have a genuine voice in the making of our laws and so that English and Scottish judges take the lion's share in interpreting them. Otherwise we are merely accepting *diktats* and *faits accomplis* from Brussels and Strasbourg.

The European Convention on Human Rights may not be part of our law, but our judges do pay careful attention to its provisions when they impinge on but do not directly conflict with English or Scottish law. The British government too, after a dignified pause, nearly always obeys the findings of the European Court of Human Rights and the judgments of the European Court of Justice, despite Mrs Thatcher's complaints about none of these courts being "real courts".

Nor can we rest content with the threadbare defence of the status quo offered by Mr John Patten, the Home Office minister, that to incorporate the European convention into our law is unnecessary, since our rights are already protected in English law. In that case, how is it that the European Court of Human Rights has found against Britain on, among other things, complaints about restrictions on the correspondence of prisoners, the treatment in Northern Ireland of suspected terrorists, birching by judicial order, criminal laws relating to homosexual conduct, the confinement of patients in mental hospitals, telephone tapping, and contempt of court in connection with press freedom? One may disagree with some or all of these findings, but one can scarcely maintain that incorporation would make no difference to English law.

Constitutional reform is inevitable; the waves now crashing on the beach are by no means the first. The danger is rather that the enthusiasm for reform should be thought to be confined to displaced socialists looking for a new home.

It is as untrue as it is unpleasant for Norman Tebbit to claim in his book *Unfinished Business* that many of the signatories to Charter 88 are "foreigners seemingly obsessed with a desire to make Britain more like the countries from which they have fled". On the contrary, my experience is that first-generation immigrants are just as likely to mistake our present corrupted understanding of the British constitution for the genuine article: the balanced and moderate separation of powers admired by Montesquieu, Blackstone and Burke.

The purpose of constitutional reform is not to encourage everybody to agitate continuously for his own or somebody else's rights. The aim should be to renovate a system which restrains power by dispersing it. The idea is not to pile on more layers of government, but to limit and stabilise government and to re-establish the authority of the law. In essence, it is a piece of unfinished business that might well be called Thatcherite – perhaps the missing piece.

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...and moreover
PHILIP HOWARD

We all have our fetishes, even the most rational of us. Lichtenberg, who achieved the improbable feat of being a German and a scientist and a wit at the same time: "Most men of education are more superstitious than they admit – no, than they realise." Or as Dud said to Pete: "It's very unlucky to put sugar in before the milk, didn't you know that? It has terrible effects on your life. My Aunt Dolly put the sugar in before the milk one day, and over the next 40 years she lost all her teeth."

There are widespread fetishes about grammar, even among the *Times*-reading classes, who are *per se* and *ipso facto* intelligent and rational persons. We have only the haziest memory of the grammar that we were taught at school. But one or two rules are imprinted in our memories, so that when we see them in print, we get an instant glee-jerk reaction, seize pen, and dash off a fiery letter to *The Times*. Nearly always, the rule is a fetish, as irrational and impotent as any amulet once worshipped with superstitious dread by the savages of the Guinea coast. (*Fetish* simply means factitious, artificial, untrue, being derived through Portuguese from the Latin *factitius*.)

For example, it is a fundamental rule of grammar that "none" is a singular pronoun. If you are foolish enough to publish such a sentence as "none of us are perfect, not even journalists", as some poor sap not a million miles from this column did the other day, you will have to answer several dozen letters pointing out the solecism with varying degrees of *Schadenfreude*, wit and rage.

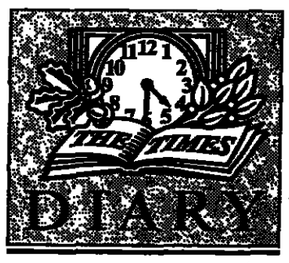
Whoa there, chaps. Hold your horses. This is not a rule, but a fetish. It is a mistake to suppose that none is a singular only, and must at all costs and on all occasions be followed by singular verbs and so on. None can always be a singular. But we have it on the highest authority that it can also be a plural: "I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt have none other gods but me."

The *OED* explicitly states that the plural construction is the commoner usage, and that the singular is expressed by "no one". And it quotes authorities of English from King Alfred onwards to support its view. Dryden: "None have been so greedy of employments as they who have least deserved their stations." What is good enough for God Almighty, King Alfred, Dryden and the *OED* ought to be good enough for me.

So whence comes this prevalent fetish? Were schoolrooms a generation ago full of chalky grammarians whacking small boys and girls for treating none as a plural? I suppose the rule was invented by some pedant and sciolist who thought that because none looks like one, it must be a singular only. There are occasions when none as singular sounds ugly and pretentious, and plain wrong to me. Are there any apples? No there is none. What sort of nitpicker says that? "None of the newspapers has appeared." There goes a man in the grip of the fetish. We are none of us perfect, not even journalists, sounds better to me, because journalists are plural. I don't say you would be wrong to say "none of us is" – merely a prat. The best reason for eschewing none in the plural is to avoid having to write dozens of patient letters that will not be believed. This is a wet reason. Clarity and sound grammar should prevail over fetishes and pretentiousness.

It is pure superstition, too, to suppose that different can only be followed by "from", and that "different to" is ungrammatical. One does indeed differ from somebody, and cannot differ to them. But it is mumbo-jumbo to suppose that an adjective or participle must necessarily take the same construction as the verb from which it is derived.

"Different than" sounds American to me, and my idiolect is not to use it, though I dare say we could construct a sentence with a huge clause between "different" and its conjunction where "than" would sound right. But I regret to report that the *OED* cites a formidable team of famous writers who used different than. You do not have to use it, if it does not suit the prejudices of your grammatical tribe. But don't, like a witch-doctor dancing round ju-ju, turn your fetish into a rule for the rest of the world.



Classical chorus-line

TRADITION is about to be broken at the English National Opera, with the first production in a foreign language for nearly three decades. Although the stated aim of the company has always been to "sing all operas in English, the language of the majority of its audience," ENO has commissioned an opera to be sung in ancient Greek. *Bakxai*, an opera by John Buller based on Euripides' play *The Bacchae*, will open at the Coliseum next May. Apart from a soliloquy by Dionysus, the action takes place entirely in classical Greek.

"One of the main objectives of writing the opera was to get that sense of the original language," says 64-year-old Buller from his retreat in France. "I've always thought the original language is important: the way it sounded – the metres and the rhythms. When the Greek poets wrote their plays, they had the sound in mind."

Many believe that the original ENO ethos of opera in the vernacular has, in any case, been overtaken by Covent Garden's successful use of surtitles. ENO has, however, resisted the temptation to introduce such aids for the first time. Instead, the production will have a narrator offering a periodic English precis.

Twice before, ENO has flirted with foreign tongues. Philip Glass's *Akhnaten* included some chunks in ancient Egyptian, inserted for dramatic effect in an otherwise English libretto. Monteverdi's *Orfeo* was performed in Italian in the 1960s, when it was felt that no translation did justice to it, although subsequent productions have all been in English.

Buller defends the departure from ENO's founding ethos. "I remember Mark Elder, the music director, joking with me that ENO's brochures should now say that all operas were performed in either English or classical Greek. There is no such thing as holy writ. The only thing that matters is communication."

● *The strains of "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" will engulf Twickenham today, but the Wallabies have taken steps to ensure that Australians will also be heard. Of course all Australians know "Waltzing Matilda", but Anthony Abrahams, a former Australian international, has organised a pyramid letter, distributing 7,000 copies of the words of the proper national anthem, "Advance Australia, Fair" to Aussies lucky enough to have tickets. Abrahams hopes that neutrals and even "a few charitable Brits" will join in, but concedes that the exercise is mainly aimed at his compatriots, most of whom, he confesses, "don't know the bloody words".*

Political science

THE guest of honour at this week's annual dinner of the Royal Geographical Society could hardly believe her ears. Relaxing after the four-course dinner at London's Natural History Museum, she heard the guest speaker tell the distinguished audience that science was suffering from too much cash and too many scientists.

The author of this contentious post-prandial polemic was none other than Professor James Lovelock, the president of the Marine Biology Association. Warming to his theme, he told the society that since the 1960s, science has been funded as never before. "What evidence is there", he asked, "that knowledge has increased in proportion to money spent or the numbers employed?" The last thing Britian needs, he said, is more scientists. "We may need more technicians, but we do not need more scientists."

Music to the ears of the principal guest: Margaret Thatcher.

10-1 on fudge

LADBROKE'S is planning a book on the chances of success at the Maastricht summit. The only problem: how to define success? Berjis Daver, the firm's managing



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director, says the bookmaker is currently attempting to define its terms before setting the odds. "We've got to be a little bit serious with this one, because you get some pretty strange people around putting a lot of money on this sort of thing, and we don't want to be found running for cover," says Daver. Ladbroke's hopes to be able to offer odds by the end of next week.

Daring young man

JOHN MAJOR could not be there but his brother Terry revelled in an opportunity to relive the family's circus past last week. Terry and his wife Shirley were special guests at Zippo's Circus on Blackheath after one of the clowns, Lord Pandrun, discovered a rare poster of Tom and Kitty Major's variety act from before the first world war.

Terry and John's father appeared in a variety of vaudeville turns, and Terry, who is researching his father's past with a view to writing a book about him, believes that Tom was also at one time the catcher in a trapeze act.

As he was relating the tale to performers backstage after the show, a troupe of Zippo's "Moroccan tumblers" decided it would be fun to throw the prime minister's brother through the air, one to another. "I was perfectly safe because I remembered the grip. My father had shown me many years ago. It's a bit like a reef knot," says Terry.

Zippo's Circus plans to invite both brothers the next time it is in town. But if the tumblers decide to involve the prime minister in their act, it might be wise to tip off his minders first.

● *With exquisite timing, the PLO head office in Tunis has been incommunicado this week. Jamil Hilal, the organisation's director of information, says the international fax line has been cut off. The PLO may have finally brought Israel to the negotiating table, but that is surely no excuse for forgetting to pay the bill.*

KEEPING COOL ON ASYLUM

The government could not ignore the big jump in the number of applicants for asylum in Britain. The large increase in migrants from the Third World and Eastern Europe seeking refuge in the prosperous countries of Western Europe is obsessing their governments. It has produced social and political tensions in Germany, France and Italy. Pressures on Britain are growing. But the government's response, set out in legislation yesterday, offers only a partial solution. Tighter controls may reduce the inflow; they will not stop the movement of people.

The scale of this migration threatens to overwhelm immigration controls. Under the 1951 United Nations convention on refugees, Britain has admitted those with "well-founded" fears of persecution in their home country. These have been differentiated from economic migrants seeking to improve their living standards. Asylum seekers are protected from expulsion until their claims to refugee status have been adjudicated. Only a quarter of asylum seekers have qualified for refugee status. But processing can take a long time and in practice large numbers have been allowed to stay. There is a backlog of 60,000 undecided cases in Britain, and the number of applicants has risen tenfold over the past three years to an expected total of nearly 50,000 this year.

The distinction between refugees from persecution and economic migrants has become increasingly blurred in practice, if not in law. Mass air travel and, recently, the dismantling of barriers within Europe have enabled growing numbers to flee social and political upheavals. This poses a common difficulty for the whole European Community, but varying obligations. Germany acknowledges a duty to absorb ethnic Germans from Eastern Europe, comparable to the post-colonial responsibilities which Britain bore 30 years ago in relation to the Commonwealth. But Britain has no such moral obligations to the new migrants.

A large inflow might disturb the delicate state of race relations in areas with large Asian and Afro-Caribbean communities. This is not primarily a matter of the new asylum-seekers' numbers — at present relatively small — but of whether there would be hostility towards the arrivals.

The government is right to seek to limit abuses and to process asylum applications more quickly. But, during passage of the bill, ministers should deal with worries that genuine refugees will be denied asylum and returned to persecution as a result of a hurried screening and appeals procedure. Both they and the Opposition should also resist the temptation to raise the temperature over so emotionally charged an issue ahead of the election.

The legislation is only a first step. This week's meeting in Berlin of interior ministers from 28 European countries agreed on the need for a common response involving standardised border controls and increased surveillance of frontier crossings. EC countries should also adopt common criteria for admission, providing much-needed political cover for the Bonn government, which has difficulties in amending the liberal immigration provisions in its constitution. In practice the borders of Germany, Greece and Italy are likely to remain porous and Britain is rightly resisting calls to dismantle its own national frontier controls.

Barriers are not enough to solve the problem. A priority is the completion of trade negotiations to liberalise the import of goods from Eastern Europe. Most would-be refugees would prefer to live in their own countries, if they could earn a living there. Western Europe should help them to do so.

None of this will stop the movement of people altogether. The Community needs to decide how many migrants it can sensibly admit, and whether it wants to discriminate in favour of those with particular qualifications, as America is now doing. Properly controlled and limited, new migrants can assist European economies facing a shortage of skilled workers during the 1990s. But a necessary first step is to put the processing of migrants on a fair and workable basis.

TALLY-HO TO WESTMINSTER

The dividing line between those for and against hunting used to be simply drawn. Country dwellers were for it. They rode to hound, or followed the hounds or at the very least popped the odd fiver in the hunt bucket. They were delighted to allow the hunt to pursue the chase across their land. Town dwellers were against it. Those who felt strongly agitated through the League of Cruel Sports to get it banned. They wanted legislation, using the built-in urban majority in Parliament to outlaw it.

This latter strategy may yet succeed. The Labour party is committed to a free vote on abolition. Labour has been virtually wiped out in the rural areas, such as East Anglia, where it used to be strong. The Labour hunting faction in the Commons, represented by the late Reginald Paget and John Ryman, has gone to earth. A Labour victory at the next election may well mean that the huntsman's horn sounds its last.

Meanwhile, however, the debate has been complicated by the rise of a new urban breed. Townies by week, at the weekend they embrace a rural idyll. They look to different values from those they live by in the week: gentler, kinder, greener. They do not want foxes chased across their gardens or through their fields. Nor do they want them hunted across land owned in common through their favourite charity, the National Trust.

This issue has accordingly split the trust. Last year, it voted narrowly to ban deer-hunting on its land, though the trust's council has shelved the resolution by setting up a two-year enquiry. It also voted narrowly for fox-hunting. Today its annual meeting will debate procedural resolutions from both the pro and the anti sides to make it easier for them to convert the trust to their views. Seven anti-hunting candidates are standing for the council. The council, meanwhile, perches uneasily on the fence, allowing hunting where it "is rooted in local tradition, does not contravene the wishes of former owners of land, and is not harmful to nature conservation, public recreation or its tenants' rights or interests," and wishing that the whole business would go away.

For the trust to ban fox-hunting would be bad news for the hunts. A pack of hounds in full cry cannot be steered neatly round no-go areas. The hunts can try to avoid such areas, just as they have now to keep clear of land on which shooting is in progress. But the more land on which hunting is banned, the harder it becomes to reconcile hunting with the rights of landowners.

On balance, it would be better if the trust decided against a ban. Many of the arguments for hunting are almost provocatively specious. Foxes do not enjoy being hunted. There are other humane ways of controlling the vulpine population. The strongest argument is a libertarian one. Opponents of hunting, however understandable their feelings, should think long and hard before imposing their view on those who do not share it.

Humans exploit animals for their pleasure or profit in many ways. There are pets, often kept in unsuitable urban conditions. There are circuses. There is animal experimentation. There is the suffering required to produce cheap meat. The individual is entitled to boycott the circus, to refuse animal-tested drugs and to embrace vegetarianism. He has every right to persuade others to do so too. But he has no such right to force them to do so. For an individual to decide that hunting is against his own conscience may be admirable. But to seek to impose that view on others who disagree reeks of the sin of pride.

If the trust does eventually decide to ban hunting on its land, the hunters will have no option but to make the best of it. But whatever the outcome of tomorrow's votes, the anti-hunting lobby would do better to accept that piecemeal harassment of hunting is not the answer. Only one forum is appropriate to a moral issue of this national character. That forum is Parliament.

TITULAR MISALLIANCES

What is to be done when a browser finds Augustine's *City of God* on a shelf labelled "town planning"? He or she will write to *The Times*, of course. The hard-pressed librarian, bookseller or indexer might — not unreasonably — feel affronted by the long-running correspondence about such bibliographical malapropisms on this page. More surprising than the errors — if that is what they are — is the fact that they occur so rarely. When they do, the authors are often themselves to blame — and these fortuitous muddles are a blessing for readers.

At least nobody has yet listed *Gone With The Wind* among meteorological treatises. Nor is any qualified person known to have placed *The Importance of Being Earnest* alongside *How to Win Friends and Influence People*. If readers were to find *A Christmas Carol* listed as "vocal music", or if *Animal Farm* turns up under "agricultural science", there would be mitigating circumstances.

Supposing the edicts and canons of the Council of Trent were once to be found in the local government section of Newark-on-Trent public library, as one reader writes today. Do not the conciliar deliberations have a bearing on municipal affairs — public decency, Sunday trading, and so forth? It may be true that a certain London bookshop placed Julian Barnes's novel *Talking it Through* on the psychotherapy shelf. But does not this inspired act of misarrangement suggest a profound understanding of Mr Barnes's secret prophylactic purpose — to warn readers against emulating the conduct of his characters? It might even be a devious marketing ploy, designed to capture a much larger market than that for fiction.

Looking through this week's edition of *The Times Literary Supplement*, it is impossible to ignore the ambiguous titles of the books reviewed. Too often the true subject is relegated to a subtitle. A work entitled *Corpus Christi* suggests nostalgia for college life rather than "the Eucharist in late medieval culture". *Canons and Consequences* hints at Trollopian scandal in the cathedral close, not "reflections on the ethical force of imaginative ideals". Do publishers enjoy setting these traps?

Errors, though, are often fruitful. A more original classification of books is the best way to bring them to the attention of readers who have become set in their ways. Why not sneak the tale of Abelard and Heloise, or that of Romeo and Juliet, onto the shelves of Mills and Boon? If only *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* had nestled alongside *Das Kapital* in a few more university libraries. If the *Odyssey* were found under "travel" and the *Critique of Pure Reason* masqueraded as "fantasy", both might find new readers. Bibliophilia, like other kinds of love, thrives on serendipity. If somebody's solecism introduces them to an unexplored island of literature, readers should give thanks to Tyche, the Greek goddess of fortune.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Degrees of plight for pensioners

From Mr Peter May

Sir, The secretary of state for social security concludes his smug little letter today (October 25), informing us that "less well-off" pensioners have received an extra £350 million in the last three years, with the words "hardly, I think, small beer".

Perhaps Mr Newton, whose department deals with such gigantic sums that any number with less than six zeros is mere petty cash, has lost the art of simple arithmetic. Please allow me to give him a lesson: £350 million in three years is equivalent to about £117 million in one year.

If we assume (not, I think, unreasonably) that there are a million of these "less well-off" pensioners, each can expect an extra £117 a year which equals £2.25 a week or 32 pence a day. This princely sum will buy about one third of a pint. I call that, Mr Newton, very, very, very small beer indeed.

Yours faithfully,
PETER MAY,
43 Freston, Paston,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.
October 25.

From Mrs Hermione Parker

Sir, Your leader, "Pension priorities" (October 22), over-simplifies a complex situation. There are more than two "classes of pensioners". The first, to which you refer, comprises a tiny minority of elderly people enjoying a comfortable retirement. The second, to which you also refer, comprises another minority of elderly people totally dependent on the basic state retirement pension and/or means-tested income support. The vast majority, whom you do not mention, are elderly people whose total incomes disqualify them from means-tested benefits but who by no stretch of the imagination are rich.

In 1987 (the latest figures available) there were nearly 9½ million pensioners with "private" incomes of one sort or another (*Hansard*, May 20, 1991). Of these, just under 1½ million had less than £10 a week in addition to what they receive from the state, and six million had less than £50 a week. Only 700,000 had £200 a week or more, and even that (especially when divided between two people) scarcely fulfils the "dream of a comfortable retirement".

If the basic state pension were increased but means-tested, which you seem to be recommending, the pensioner poverty trap (whereby people who scrimp and save all their working lives end up no better off than those who spend to the hilt) would get worse. A better solution would be a residence-based universal pension, as in Scandinavia, paid for by integrating national insurance contribution with income tax at a flat-rate 35 per cent, abolishing Serps (state earnings-related pension scheme) and phasing out all private-pension income tax reliefs. This would reduce pensioner poverty and the pensioner poverty trap simultaneously.

Yours faithfully,
HERMIONE PARKER,
Nettlefield, Pirbright,
Woking, Surrey.
October 23.

From Mrs Wilfred Gold

Sir, It has long been acknowledged, by the addition of London weighting to salaries, that the cost of living in the capital is considerably greater than in the rest of the country. The market research survey reported in your issue of October 21 (later editions) confirms that this is 23.1 per cent above the national average.

Thus pensioners in the London area are relatively poorer by a factor of nearly one quarter than those living elsewhere, making the quality of life of those subsisting on the meagre retirement pension very poor indeed. Is there not a case for an immediate increase, in line with London weighting, in the pensions of those living in the capital?

Yours faithfully,
JEAN B. GOLD,
11 Squirrel's Close,
Woodside Avenue, N12.
October 25.

From Mr J. S. Arthur

Sir, In your leader of October 22 you ask "Does the flat rate pension make any sense? Should it be means-tested?" On December 17, 1988, the then chief secretary to the Treasury, Mr John Major, stated in a letter to Mr John Patten (a copy of which Mr Patten sent to me) that "the government is fully committed to maintaining the value of the state retirement pension on its present contributory basis" (my italics).

Would you suggest that if I take out an endowment policy I should be means-tested when it matures to see whether I still need the money?

Yours faithfully,
J. S. ARTHUR,
Moreton House, Longborough,
Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire.
October 23.

Paying teachers by performance

From Professor E. C. Wragg

Sir, What an extraordinary set of assumptions was made in your leader, "Fair deal for teachers" (October 26), on performance-related pay. The writer asserted that teaching primary-age children was intellectually less exacting than teaching older secondary pupils. There was also a suggestion that people who combined teaching with child-rearing and home-making, presumably women in the main, were less likely to show "dedicated professionalism" than others.

I have taught all age groups from five-year-olds to A-level classes, as well as undergraduates and post-graduates in universities. Teaching lively young children is not only exhausting but is also intellectually demanding. In order to teach the national curriculum, primary teachers are expected to know about the Romans, the Greeks, the Aztecs and numerous other periods in history, about electricity and magnetism, earth sciences, genetics and a host of disparate topics in science, and master the content of seven other academic subjects.

Teaching nine subjects, albeit at a more rudimentary level than the one or two subjects usually offered by teachers of older pupils, involves more than just a superficial grasp of elementary concepts, for teachers must also choose the language, examples and analogies most appropriate for the child concerned. "Why does a wagtail wag its tail?", "what happens inside a capacitor?" and "what was the difference between Greek gods and Roman gods?" are all questions I have been asked by ordinary seven and eight-year-olds during lessons.

Primary teachers have to be just as knowledgeable and professionally skilled as those who teach older pupils, and it demeans them to suggest otherwise.

Yours faithfully,
E. C. WRAGG (Director),
School of Education,
University of Exeter,
St Luke's, Exeter, Devon.
October 26.

From the General Secretary of the Professional Association of Teachers

Sir, Those who say that performance-related pay for teachers must mean payment by examination results are talking nonsense, and they know it. A great many teachers, including all those working in primary schools, do not prepare children for public examinations.

You rightly challenge the assertion that payment according to performance constitutes an attack on teachers' professionalism. In truth, the opposite is the case. It is those who resist the notion of paying teachers in relation to whether or not they are any good in the classroom whose concern for their status is open to question. The status of the teaching profession in the eyes of ordinary citizens will be hugely advanced when the good classroom teacher rules the salary scales.

Be head teachers' management skills ever so remarkable, the structure of the curriculum never so carefully considered, and the decorative order of schools up to the standard of Buckingham Palace, little will be achieved if everyday classroom teaching is not of a high standard. Paying teachers according to their effectiveness in the classroom will reach those parts of the education system that recent reforms have failed to reach.

Yours faithfully,
PETER DAWSON,
General Secretary,
Professional Association of Teachers,
2 St James' Court, Friar Gate, Derby.
October 28.

From Mrs R. Jane Ayres

Sir, Having combined part-time work both as a teacher and as an educational psychologist, with a life of "child-rearing" and "home-making", I resent the implication in your editorial that I am not worthy of the same material reward as a "dedicated professional".

Part-time parent/teachers bring special and valuable skills to their teaching posts. Their practical knowledge of children is excellent, and the days spent in a totally different environment may act as an antidote to the stresses of teaching, enabling them to provide a refreshing and vital input to the classroom.

Many part-timers are unable to "scale the departmental and institutional ladders" by the lack of job-share and part-time posts at higher levels. They have no choice but to opt for low-grade part-time posts.

Finally, anyone with real knowledge of the lack of child-care facilities in this country would not doubt the dedication of those who attempt to return to teaching and combine it with bringing up a family.

Yours faithfully,
R. JANE AYRES,
38 Fifth Avenue,
Chelmsford, Essex.

Banks and businesses

From Mr Neil Datson

Sir, As for many small businessmen (letters, October 29) my relations with my bank are occasionally strained. As I am a pig farmer this strain has one simple cause. Pig prices may change by as much as 50 per cent in a few months in response to market conditions; too many pigs and the price will fall, too few and the price rises. This is known as the "pig cycle" and, being erratic, it makes planning difficult, although it follows the most basic of economic laws.

The pig cycle is as certain as death and rent day, but bankers always take a bullish view of pig farming when prices are high and a bearish view when prices are low. I have yet to meet a banker who seems able to understand that an output price may depend on supply and demand, and the consequences for business management.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL DATSON,
Glebe Farm,
Spelsbury, Oxford.

From Mrs Janet Inglis

Sir, Mr Ryman's story (October 29) raises a further question. As he discovered, if he takes cash into the Wokingham branch of NatWest, it will take three working days for that money to be credited to his son's account in Portsmouth. But if his son had gone into the Wokingham branch to cash a cheque, the money would have been deducted from his account that same day. How do the banks explain this one-way transfer of information?

Yours faithfully,
JANET INGLIS,
Friars Halt, Caldbec Hill,
Battle, East Sussex.
October 29.

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Female tries

From Mr Harry Knox

Sir, Yesterday the England rugby team were shown on television relaxing with their families before the World Cup Final. Five were shown with daughters — not a single son was in evidence.

In the 1950s, the late Arthur Smith carried out a survey on a Lions' tour which showed that rugby players had a marked tendency to produce girls. In the early 60s, the parents in the Moseley 1st XV could count a ratio of approximately 6:1 in favour of girls, and it was not until I retired from playing rugby that a son followed two daughters.

Is this pure coincidence, and with the growth of women's rugby are there any improbable statistics from that direction?

Yours faithfully,
H. KNOX,
36 Seeleys Road,
Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.
October 30.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071) 782 5046.

Charity vouchers

From Mr Alan Fidler

Sir, Already Mr Neville Bass (letter, October 26) has introduced a variant to Mr Williamson's idea for charity vouchers (letter, October 23) by suggesting the involvement of "the commercial agencies" to operate the scheme. The next step, no doubt, will be vouchers redeemable at a range of high-street caterers and retailers.

George Orwell's experiences, recalled in *Down and out in Paris and London*, are relevant:

Our meal tickets [handed out by the Poor Law guardians] were directed to a coffee-shop in Ilford. When we got there, the little chit of a serving-maid, having seen our tickets and grasped that we were tramps, tossed her head in contempt and for a long time would not serve us. Finally, she slapped on the table two "large teas" and four slices of bread and dripping — that is, eightpenny-worth of food. It appeared that the shop habitually cheated the tramps of twopence or so on each ticket; having tickets instead of money, the tramps could not protest or go elsewhere.

Don't let us imagine that our caring retailers of the Nineties would not perpetrate such mean and callous exploitation of a similar scheme.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN FIDLER,
44 Alma Place,
North Shields, Tyne and Wear.
October 26.

Legal aid grants

From the General Secretary of the Association of Magisterial Officers

Sir, You report concern (October 23) at the large sums being spent on unnecessary grants of criminal legal aid. May I clarify one relevant aspect of the grant process.

Magistrates know that, should they refuse criminal legal aid, a review of that decision lies to the Legal Aid Board, which grants a high proportion of such appeals. As that review takes the board three to four weeks to hear (compared with one or two days for the original decision by the magistrate or clerk), the delay caused to the criminal proceedings is often thought not to be worth it, as the board will probably grant legal aid anyway, on the appeal.

The temptation is strong, therefore, to grant criminal legal aid immediately, rather than adjourn the case for consideration by the board. If the right of appeal to the Legal Aid Board were removed, delays in criminal proceedings and the high national expenditure on legal aid could be reduced.

Yours faithfully,
C. R. CLEGG,
General Secretary,
Association of Magisterial Officers,
35 High Street,
Crawley, West Sussex.

Ripa di Meana letter

From Mr Richard H. Burnett-Hall

Sir, The secrecy attached to the precise terms of Commissioner Ripa di Meana's complaint to the UK government about Britain's non-compliance with the EC's directive (85/337) on environmental impact is quite unacceptable. The complaint is presumably to the effect that a variety of our current environmental impact assessment procedures are inadequate, since it is directed to projects where impact assessments have been carried out.

Directive 85/337 is directly applicable to every planning authority in the land, and every applicant for planning consent must be entitled to as much information as he can get on what is properly required of him in relation to any environmental impact assessment that may need to be made of his proposed development. A defective assessment could lead to a subsequent planning consent being treated as a nullity.

Yet, on asking the government's public enquiry unit for a copy of the Commissioner's letter, I am told that the letter is regarded as a private matter — hardly Mr di Meana's view! — and not for disclosure to the general public. Everyone advising those responsible for substantial developments needs to know what may be required to ensure that the law is properly complied with.

The Commission's complaint may or may not be well-founded, but professional advisers should be able to have the information to make up their own minds on this. The public interest is not served by keeping the Commission's letter secret, and it should be published forthwith.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BURNETT-HALL,
McKenna & Co (Solicitors),
Mitre House,
160 Aldersgate Street, EC1.
October 30.

Vote on hunting

From Commander J. G. T. D. Atkinson, RN

Sir, The "Weekend Times" article on hunting (October 26) was wrong to say that the National Trust's agenda sent to all members "lists the candidates and makes clear their views on hunting". The agenda lists 25 candidates, of whom 17 show no specific view on hunting, seven are anti and one is pro. An excess of journalists' licence?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ATKINSON,
Mulberry Cottage, 42 West Street,
Wilton, Salisbury.

Opera House dispute

From Mr Vaughan Lilley

Sir, In his article (October 23) regarding the orchestral dispute at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, Richard Morrison suggested the use of freelance players. Why not go a step further and emulate Vienna by utilising the major London orchestras — either on a production, or a part or whole season, basis?

Yours faithfully,
V. R. A. LILLEY,
25 Milner Road,
Caterham, Surrey.
October 29.

Mythmatched

From Mr K. B. Fry

Sir, I can sympathise with booksellers faced with obscure works by unknown authors in choosing the right shelf (letters, October 29, 30, etc.). My son, however, was directed to the mathematics textbook section when he enquired, in a northeast branch of W. H. Smith, for a copy of *Measure for Measure*.

Yours faithfully,
K. B. FRY,
No 1 Airport House,
Blackpool Airport,
Blackpool, Lancashire.

From the Reverend Dr Derek Whitehead

Sir, A friend of mine, researching into British engineering projects, approached the desk of Manchester's Central Library and asked for any material which they had upon Metropolitan Vickers. He was handed *Crockford's Clerical Directory*.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK WHITEHEAD,
The Rectory, Maresfield Park,
Uckfield, East Sussex.

From Mr M. C. Dowden

Sir, I was delighted, many years ago, to discover in Surbiton library Richard Gordon's *Doctor in the House* amongst the books on first aid in the home.

Yours faithfully,
M. C. DOWDEN,
2 Ashton Road, Roade,
Northampton.

From Mr Peter Martin

Sir, In the first stages of the Watergate affair in the early Seventies the ITN clippings library filed it under US: telephones.

Yours faithfully,
PETER MARTIN,
75 Woodland Rise, N10.

From Mr Bernard Selwyn

Sir, Some years ago I found in the Local History collection at Newark-on-Trent public library a handsome volume on the edicts and canons of the Council of Trent.

Yours faithfully,
B. SELWYN,
2nd Floor, 3 Hogarth Road, SW5.

Greenwich Mean Time

From Mrs Thomas Semple

Sir, Why cannot those who wish to get up an hour earlier simply continue to do so and leave the rest of us to sleep in peace?

Yours faithfully,
ROSEMARY SEMPLE,
Great Beats, Kilve,
Bridgwater, Somerset.

Marching orders

From Mr Oliver Comyn

Sir, David Riddel (letter, November 1) asks in what way old regiments differ from Arthur Scargill's mining communities. The answer is simple: majors are more important than miners.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER COMYN,
28 Aliwal Road, SW11.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 1: Dame Nita Barrow, Governor-General of Barbados, was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Dame Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George.

His Excellency Mr Candemir Önhon was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Turkey.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Müfit Özdes (Minister Counsellor), Colonel Ercüment Tokmak (Air Attaché), Captain Ramis Akdemir (Naval Attaché), Major Orhan Akbas (Military Attaché), Mr Ahmet Ersoy (Press Counsellor), Mr Avni Özcan (Counsellor, Economic and Commercial), Mr Cem Ergin (Counsellor) and Mr Oguz Özge (Counsellor).

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mrs Önhon was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir Nicholas Fenn was received by The Queen upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to the Republic of India.

Lady Fenn was also received by Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 1: The Duke of York today attended the National Sporting Club (NSC) Luncheon in aid of the Trevor Jones Trust at the Café Royal, 68 Regent Street, London W1.

Captain Neil Blair, RN, was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 1: The Princess Royal this morning visited the British High Performance Horse Sale and British Equine Event, Royal Agricultural Society of England, National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Warwickshire (the Viscount Daventry).

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 1: The Princess of Wales today visited Leicester and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Leicestershire (Mr Timothy Brooks).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Home Start, this morning visited Leicester Home-Start at 315a London Road.

The Princess of Wales this afternoon visited the INFO Hostel at Elmfield Avenue.

Subsequently Her Royal Highness, Patron, Birthright, attended a luncheon at the Grand Hotel, Leicester.

The Princess of Wales later visited Leicestershire Aids Support Services at 29 New Walk.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 1: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel in Chief, the King's Own Scottish Borderers, today received Brigadier Colin Mattingley, Colonel of the Regiment.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 1: The Duke of Gloucester this morning attended the Service of Thanksgiving to mark the 450th Anniversary of the Founding of the Diocese of Peterborough at All Saint's Church, Northampton, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Northamptonshire (Mr John Lowther).

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 1: The Duke of Kent this afternoon visited Eagle House Preparatory School, Sandhurst and this evening, President, attended a Concert at Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Honorary Colonel of the Yorkshire Volunteers, today received Lieutenant Colonel Tony Blanch on assuming command of the 2nd Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel Bev Smalley on relinquishing the appointment; and Lieutenant Colonel Tony Potter on assuming command of the 3rd Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Ashby on relinquishing the appointment.

Viscount Linley celebrates his birthday tomorrow.

Royal engagements

TODAY: The Queen will attend the Rugby World Cup final between England and Australia at Twickenham at 12.30. The Princess Royal will also attend.

TOMORROW: The Princess of Wales will attend the "Carnival for the Birds" at the Royal Opera House at 7.25 in aid of the RSPB.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend the Olympic Class Qualifiers at Grafham Water Sailing Club, West Perry, Huntingdon, at 2.30.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the AA, will participate in the London to Brighton Car Run starting at Serpentine Road, Hyde Park, at 8.50am.

Service dinners

Navigating and Directions Officers
Admiral Sir Jeremy Black was the guest of honour at the annual officers' dinner of the Navigating and Direction branch of the Royal Navy held last night at HMS Dryad. Admiral Sir Jock Slater presided.

Among those present were:
Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, Vice-Admirals Sir Ian Hogg, Sir John Martin and Sir Barry Wilson: Rear-Admirals Sir Hugh Janion, D M Eckersley-Maslin and J R Hill: and the Captains of HMS Dryad and HMS Mercury.

RN Officers, RAF Boscombe Down
Royal Navy Officers of the Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment Boscombe Down held a Trafalgar ladies' night dinner last night at RAF Boscombe Down. Mr Jonathan Smalley proposed the toast to the "Immortal Memory". Commander M.R. Swales, RN presided.

13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own)
The Annual Officers' Dinner of the 13th/18th Royal Hussars (QMO) was held at the Cavalry and Guards Club on Thursday, October 31. Colonel R.J.W. ffrench Blake, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

The Royal Welch Fusiliers
The annual dinner of The Royal Welch Fusiliers Officers' Association was held last night at the Army and Navy Club. Major-General R.M. Llewellyn, Colonel of the Regiment, presided and Brigadier K.J. Davey, Colonel of The Royal Regiment of Wales was the principal guest.

The Royal Anglian Regiment
Major-General P.P.D. Stone, Colonel of The Royal Anglian Regiment, presided at a dinner held last night at the Naval and Military Club. The Master of the Poulters' Company was the principal guest.

The Ulster Defence Regiment
Lieutenant-General Sir David Young was dined out by Officers of The Ulster Defence Regiment last night at the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich. Colonel Sir Dennis Faulkner, representative colonel commandant, was in the chair.

Service reception

The King's Regiment
Major-General P.R. Davies, Colonel of The King's Regiment, was present at the annual cocktail party of The King's Regiment Officers' Dinner Club held yesterday at the RAMC College, Millbank.

Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a dinner held last night at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mr Jim Bolger, Prime Minister of New Zealand. The other guests included:

The New Zealand High Commissioner, Mr Richard Nottage, Mr Peter Kennedy, Mr John Larkindale, the Earl of Caithness, Mr David Curry, MP, Mr David Moss, Mr Christopher Roberts and Mr Stephen Wall.

Viscount Allenby
Viscount and Viscountess Allenby entertained members and guests of the International Cultural Exchange at dinner last night at the House of Lords. The High Commissioner for Bangladesh and Begum Karim were the guests of honour.

Society of Engineers
Mr Tom Cox, MP, entertained the Society of Engineers at dinner last night at the House of Commons. Mr Tom Geldart, president, M Charles Portet, President of the Union Internationale des Ingenieurs Professionnels, and Mr M.F. Kennard were among those present.

Desert Dining Club
Mr Richard Snailham, Chairman of the Desert Dining Club, presided at a dinner held last night at Queen's College, Cambridge.

Luncheons

National Sporting Club
The Duke of York was the principal guest at a luncheon of the National Sporting Club held yesterday at the Café Royal in aid of the Trevor Jones Trust for serious sporting injuries. Mr Bob Willis, chairman of the club, presided.

European-Atlantic Group
Dr Erhard Busek, Austrian Vice-Chancellor and Federal Minister for Science and Research, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the European-Atlantic Group held yesterday at the St Ermin's Hotel. The Earl of Bessborough, president, was in the chair and Sir William Clark, MP, Chairman of the Anglo-Austrian Society, also spoke. Among others present were:

The Austrian Ambassador, the Luxembourg Ambassador and other members of the Diplomatic Corps; the Countess of Bessborough, Judith Countess of Lucan, Lord Croham, Lord and Lady Erroll of Hale, Lord and Lady Renwick, Sir James and Lady Dunnett, Sir Edward and Lady Jackson, Sir David and Lady Lidderdale and members of the Austrian Trade Commission and the Anglo-Austrian Society.

Service luncheon

Royal Artillery Council of Scotland
Sir Maxwell Harper Gow, Major-General M.T. Tennant, Director Royal Artillery, and Colonel R.T.T. Gurdon were the principal guests at a luncheon of the Royal Artillery Council of Scotland held yesterday at Army Headquarters Scotland after the autumn meeting. Colonel J.G. Mathieson presided.

Reception

Lord Charteris of Amisfield
Lord Charteris of Amisfield was host at a reception on behalf of the Joint Educational Trust at the House of Lords yesterday in honour of their 21st birthday.

Appointments

Mr John Edwards to be British High Commissioner to Botswana.

Mr Andrew Day, QC, to be Procureur of Guernsey.

Mr Geoffrey Rowland to be Comptroller of Guernsey.

OBITUARIES

JOSEPH PAPP

Joseph Papp, American producer, died of cancer on October 31 aged 70. He was born Joseph Papirofsky in Brooklyn, New York, on June 22, 1921.

CECIL BEATON



THAT New York City in the 1990s still has claims to be a theatre capital of the world owes much to the director and impresario Joseph Papp. From 1954 on, with his founding of a theatre workshop which was to become the New York Shakespeare Festival, it was his tremendous energy and vision which made Shakespeare a part of the fabric of New York life. Performances in churches with unpaid actors gave way over the years to annual free performances of Shakespeare's plays in Central Park with American actors of the calibre of James Earl Jones, Meryl Streep, Robert de Niro and Kevin Kline. At the time of his death he was more than halfway through presenting a six-season marathon of all 36 of Shakespeare's plays — a venture notable and controversial for its insistence on American voices and a rejection of English theatrical tradition. But Papp was not only an American rival to the Shakespearian evangelism of Lilian Baylis. With his entrepreneurial flair and passionate dedication to new writing, theatrical innovation and musical theatre he was also its Michael Codron, its ICA and its Cameron Mackintosh.

Papp was brought up in the tough Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, New York. His family were Jewish, immigrants from Poland, and Yiddish not English was the prevailing language at home. His interest in drama developed when he was in high school. There, an early stage appearance was as one of "three little maids from school" in *The Mikado*. Later he was to say: "What the hell was a trio of rough ghetto kids like us doing singing about ladies' seminaries?" With or without the help of Gilbert and Sullivan he developed his belief in a politically and socially active theatre. The crucial influence on him in the 1930s was the government-funded Federal Theatre Project which brought drama into 40 states, into rural communities, schools and on to Broadway. Earlier this year, while rejecting grants worth more than $750,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts because of new congressional restrictions on "obscenity", Papp was still battling for proper government investment in the arts.

Papp's entry into his chosen profession was delayed by the second world war, but on his discharge in 1946 he used his GI Bill education provisions to study at the Actors Laboratory Theater in Hollywood. After touring nationally as an assistant stage manager in Arthur Miller's play *Death of a Salesman*, he worked his way back to New York to become a director and begin the Shakespeare Festival, a career that he paid for by his work as a stage manager for CBS-TV. Typically, even that bread and butter job was not without controversy. In 1958 he lost the job for invoking the Fifth Amendment before the House Committee on un-American Activities. Reinstated in 1959, he was soon back in court to fight for the principle of free Shakespeare in the Park.

He won that fight as well and in 1962 the Delacorte Theater, his last Central Park home, opened by the site where his previous stage, a flat-bed truck, had broken down in 1957. With productions playing in the Park and touring schools, Papp looked for a permanent indoor theatre and found the monumental Astor Library by the site of the notorious Astor Place riot, where followers of the rival Shakespearean actors Macready and Forrest had killed each other in 1849.

That new home, the Public Theater, opened in 1967 with the musical *Hair*, a show that moved quickly to Broadway where it ran, with fewer clothes in some cases, for years and was exported around the world. The Public became a powerhouse of theatre with six stages under its own roof and a web of associated productions in schools, on Broadway, on national and international tours. It spread into the cinema and television. Writers such as David Rabe and directors such as JoAnne Alkalaitis and George C. Wolfe, whose adaptation of Zora Neale Nurston's *Spunk* recently visited the Royal Court, became associated with the theatre.

The Public went on to spawn other hits: one was *A Chorus Line* (which became the longest running Broadway show in history on September 29, 1983, and went on to run for years after); another, the spirited modern production of *Pirates of Penzance*, was ironically the result of a year of crisis at the Shakespeare Festival. It brought Linda Ronstadt to Broadway and drew a marvellous performance from the veteran George Rose. At Drury Lane George Cole took over from Rose, and Pamela Stephenson from Ronstadt. Papp's other successes included *That Championship Season*, which picked up a number of Broadway prizes, and a musical of *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, which many found a good deal more entertaining than Shakespeare's original.

But with all the success, crisis was also a constant part of Papp's empire. While he indeed sponsored generations of significant writers and directors, many of those relationships began in glory and ended in animosity. Papp's consummate involvement in theatre made his interest in productions more than proprietorial. Involvement sometimes became interference, and major writers such as David Hare and Sam Shepard had notable separations. His sometimes triumphant residency at New York's Lincoln Center ended in financial chaos after four years; a failure which he blamed in an interview with a *Times* critic in 1977 on his temporary seduction by the idea of an American National Theatre in a United States which had become many different nations.

Yet no other American producer had brought more of the United States theatre under one roof than Papp. In dividing up responsibility for the Public Theater earlier this year, he brought in directors 30 and 40 years younger than himself and also initiated the first black theatre in a white organisation. He was intent on expanding the theatre beyond national boundaries and here commercial rewards were of little concern. He set up an exchange between the Public and London's Royal Court Theatre in 1983, brought plays such as Larry Kramer's AIDS drama *The Normal Heart* to London and Caryl Churchill's *Serious Money* to New York, contributing much-needed cash to the Royal Court in the process.

In 1976 Papp married for the fourth time, Gail Bovard Merrifield. He is survived by three daughters and two sons from previous marriages.

CANON SYDNEY MacEWAN

Canon Sydney MacEwan, known as "the singing priest", has died aged 82. He was born in Glasgow.

SYDNEY MacEwan's tenor singing made him one of the finest interpreters of Celtic music of his day. After being educated by the Jesuits at St Aloysius College, Garnethil, Glasgow, he decided to test his vocation for the religious life. However, during his novitiate at Roehampton he realised his calling was not to the Society of Jesus.

He went instead to the University of Glasgow, and while there the rector of the university, Compton Mackenzie, heard him singing and suggested he might make a career in music. Mackenzie took him to London to meet the tenor John McCormack who confirmed Mackenzie's judgment and, with their support, MacEwan won a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music. Having completed his course, MacEwan was in great demand for concerts and radio performances and made his first records in 1934. A tour of Australia brought him wide acclaim.

However, he still had an aspiration for the priesthood, and offered himself as a candidate to his native diocese. He was ordained priest in 1944 by Bishop Donald Campbell of Argyll and the Isles. He was appointed assistant priest in the Cathedral parish and officiating chaplain to the RAF. During his holidays in the post-war years he went on extensive concert tours in the United States and Australia where he was received with enthusiasm. The funds raised were contributed to the completion of Oban Cathedral and the churches he served as parish priest in Argyll and the Highlands.

JOHN DARBOURNE

John Darbourne, CBE, architect and planner, has died aged 56 from cancer. He was born on January 11, 1935.



JOHN Darbourne achieved a high reputation as a designer of public authority housing schemes, especially in the 1960s and 1970s when these were coming under strong criticism for the absence of any of the qualities to which their occupants could respond and for the grim environments they provided. By contrast, housing from the drawing boards of Darbourne and Geoffrey Darke, his partner — in particular their Lillington Gardens scheme in Pimlico of 1961 — was sensitively modelled in brick rather than concrete and carefully landscaped; it created a livable atmosphere without sacrificing either the full utilisation of expensive land or the economies available from modern building techniques, the two principles on which post-war urban housing policies had been founded. Lillington Gardens were a watershed design, and were to become a touchstone for public housing over the next decade.

Darbourne and Darke initially concentrated on housing in London and the new towns, for which they gained a number of awards. They were afterwards responsible also for office and industrial buildings. Later they extended their practice on the Continent as a result of being successful in several international competitions. They designed buildings at Stuttgart and Hanover in Germany and at Bolzano in Italy.

John William Charles Darbourne was educated at Battersea Grammar School and University College, London, where he took his degree in architecture in 1958. He then went on to Harvard University where he studied landscape architecture and planning. It was while he was at Harvard that he won the Lillington Gardens competition and returned to London to set up a practice in Pimlico with Geoffrey Darke.

With the decline of the public housing sector in the 1980s the practice designed a variety of schemes of high quality, the best known of which is probably the East Stand at Chelsea Football Club.

Darbourne was appointed CBE in 1977. In 1983 he became consulting architect to the City of Bath, a post he held for seven years. Darbourne was blessed with incredible stamina and gave unstintingly to the many demands which were made of him. For several years he was active in the RIBA and lectured extensively in the UK and abroad. He never lost his love of architecture and thought it ironic that in all probability his first building at Lillington Gardens was his best. Darbourne had a passion for modern jazz and it was almost impossible to keep him away from a piano, particularly late at night.

He leaves Jo Lynch, his partner and companion for 10 years; and a son and three daughters from his marriage to Noreen which was dissolved.

The night sky in November

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MERCURY is an evening star throughout November reaching greatest eastern elongation (22 degrees) on the 19th. Although quite bright at about 0 magnitude in the second half of the month, it will still set no more than an hour after the Sun and will be difficult to see. The thin crescent Moon will be to the south-east on the 8th.

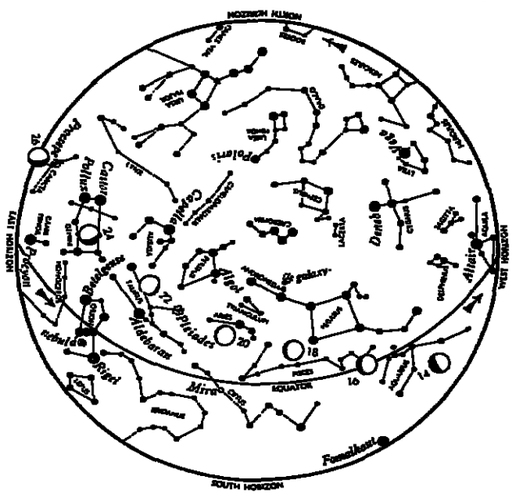
Venus is a morning star of -4.2 magnitude rising four hours before the Sun during November. The waning crescent Moon will be near by on the 2nd/3rd. Venus reaches greatest western elongation (47 degrees) on the 2nd and will remain a brilliant object in the morning sky into the new year. It will be to the north of the bright star Spica by the end of the month.

Mars reaches conjunction with the Sun on the 8th after which it will emerge into the morning sky but will remain very close to the Sun into 1992. At 1.8 magnitude it is unlikely to be seen.

Jupiter rises before midnight by the end of the month and is the brightest planet after Venus. Now in the constellation Leo it is not yet on the chart which shows no planets this month. The Moon will be near by on the 1st and again on the 29th.

Saturn sets by 20h late in the month but may be seen earlier in the evening in Capricornus, a 0.7 magnitude yellowish object rather low in the south-west. The waxing crescent Moon will be to the north on the 12th.

Uranus and Neptune set soon after 18h by the end of November and both require optical aid. The Moon will be near by on the evening of the 11th. The Moon: new Moon, 6d 11h; first quarter, 14d 14h; full Moon, 21d 23h; last quarter, 28d 15h.



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 22h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

Sunset on the 1st is at 16h 35m and on the 30th at 15h 50m, while sunrise is at 06h 50m and 07h 45m on the same dates. Astronomical Twilight ends at 18h 30m and 17h 55m early and late in the month and begins at 05h 00m and 05h 45m.

Algol, the eclipsing variable star in Perseus, fades from 2.1 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours. It can be seen when near its faintest about the following times this November: 2d 19h, 17d 3h, 20d 00h and 22d 21h.

A planet is said to be at "opposition" when it is directly opposite the Sun in the sky as seen from the Earth, that is, it will be due south at midnight, and in "conjunction" when it is in the same direction as the Sun and therefore in the daytime sky. When a planet reaches due south (crosses the local meridian) after midnight it is a morning star and when it reaches due south before midnight an evening star.

Mercury and Venus have orbits that lie inside that of the Earth and their apparent motions against the stars are different from those of the other or "outer" planets. The nearer a planet is to the Sun the smaller is its orbit, but objects nearer the Sun are subject to a stronger solar gravitational attraction than those farther away, and this makes them move faster. The time taken for a planet to complete one revolution around the Sun, to circle the sky and return among the same stars as seen from the Sun, is called its sidereal period. Mercury has a sidereal period of 88 days, Venus 225 days, the Earth 365 days, while the outer planets range up to 247 years for Pluto.

Another type of period of more interest to observers of the planets is the synodic period; this is the time between successive conjunctions or oppositions.

In the time it takes for the Earth to complete a revolution around the Sun relative to the stars (one year), the other planets will have moved some distance along their orbits too.

Leaving aside the inner planets, the nearer the planet is to the Earth, the longer will be its synodic period because it takes longer for the Earth to catch up a quickly moving planet. Thus the average time between successive conjunctions or oppositions of Mars is over two years, or 780 days, while Jupiter is 399 days and Pluto only 367 days, because its motion against the stars is so small in one year.

Mercury has a synodic period of 116 days and Venus 584 days. As their orbits lie inside that of the Earth they can never be at opposition or high in the sky in the middle of the night. Instead the inner planets Mercury and Venus have two conjunctions with the Sun.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.E.W. Barclay and Miss F.M. Bell
The engagement is announced between Edwin, youngest son of Sir Colville Barclay Bt, and Lady Barclay, of Pitshill, Petworth, Sussex, and Fiona, daughter of the late Mr Robin Bell and of Mrs Bell, of Coopers Green, Uckfield, Sussex.

Dr C.M. Breen and Miss C.A. Wilson
The betrothal is announced between Cormac, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Noel Breen, of Finchley, London, and Charlotte, daughter of Dr and Mrs Michael Wilson, of Crewe, Cheshire.

Mr B.R. Kittow and Miss D.A. Hurst
The engagement is announced between Benedict, youngest son of the late Mr J.A.F. Kittow and of Mrs P.A. Kittow, of Broadhempston, and Deborah, only daughter of Mr G.J. Hurst, of Barton Turf, and Mrs E.M. Hurst, of Nutley.

Mr R.J. Phillips and Miss P.J. Prophet
The engagement is announced between Richard James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Sam Phillips, of Wylam, Northumberland, and Penelope Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Prophet, of Ilkley, West Yorkshire.

Mr P.A.K. Symonds and Miss S. Glasby
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mrs Eileen Symonds, of Adelaide, Australia, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Glasby, of Limpsfield Chart, Oxted, Surrey.

Lieutenant S. Toke-Nichols, RN and Miss A. Bass
The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Sebastian Toke-Nichols, Royal Navy, son of Mr Nicolas Toke-Nichols, of Bethesden, Kent, and Mrs Richard De la Mare, of Wandsworth, London, and Alexandra, youngest daughter of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs Julian Bass, of Lordington End, Chichester, Sussex.

Dr C. Tripp and Miss V.A. Porter
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Tripp, of Llanfechain, Powys, and Venetia Ann, daughter of Mr Robert Porter, of Cheriton Fitzpaine, Devon, and Mrs Dorothea Porter, of London.

Marriage

Dr T.E. Mitchell and Dr C.E.M. Johnson
The marriage took place on October 26, at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, between Dr Timothy Mitchell, son of Mr and Mrs H. Mitchell, of Harrogate, and Dr Claire Johnson, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.S. Johnson, of Lymington. The Rev Julian Bomyer, Precentor, and Dr David Cook, Chaplain of Green College, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Dr Judy Dawson, Miss Sally Mitchell, William Johnson and Emma Corden. Dr Alan Melcher was best man.

The reception was held at Green College and the honeymoon is being spent in Venice and Tuscany.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: Jean Baptiste Chardin, painter, Paris, 1699; Marie Antoinette, queen of France, Vienna, 1755; Victor Trumper, Australian cricketer, Sydney, 1877.
DEATHS: Erwin Rommel, commander of the German Afrika Corps in World War II, committed suicide, Herringen, Germany, 1944; George Bernard Shaw, dramatist, Ayot St Lawrence, Herts, 1950; James Thurber, humorist, New York, 1961.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: Karl Baedeker, guide book publisher, Essen, Germany, 1801.
DEATHS: Annie Oakley, American rifle marksswoman, 1926.

Church services tomorrow

Twenty Third Sunday after Trinity

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 M: 11 S Euch, Missa Festiva (Peeters), Holy is the true light (Harris). Rev J H R de Saussmarez. 3.15 Holy Baptism. 3.15 E. Responses (Holmes), St John's Service (Hendrie); Unser Leiner lobet ihm selber (Schütz); 6.30 Sermon & Compline. The Precentor.

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC: 10 S Euch, How blest are they (Tchaikovsky), Mass O quam gloriosum (Vittoria), Ven L Stanbridge; 11.30 M, Collegium Regale (Howells); 4 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), O quam gloriosa (Moore), Rev J Carberry. O quam gloriosum (Vittoria), Rev R Gould.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC: 11.15 S Euch, Darke in E, Responses (Ayleward/Reading), Smart in F Te Deum), Smart in F (Jubilate Deo), The Lord is my shepherd (Leisnoz Berkeley), The Master.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC: 11 Choral Euch, Rev A R Goode.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC: 11 Choral Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd), O vos omnes (Byrd) 5.30 E. I was glad (Askew), Blair in B minor, My soul, there is a country (Parry).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev. Canon P Dey.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 6.15 LM: 11 HM, Grosse Orgelmesse (Haydn), O sacrum convivium, Rt Rev M J Mendis: 6 E & B, Surrexit in G, O vos omnes (Harwood), Very Rev R G Wise.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev S Wookey: 6.30 Preb R Bewes.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7, 8.30 HC: 11 Choral HC, Rev Dr M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.45 HC: 11 S Euch, Missa Cantuariensis (Rubbra), Rev K Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM: 11 HM, Missa brevis (Berkeley), Rev K Morris: 5.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC, 11 Requiem Euch, Missa da Requiem (Palestrina), A. Ego sum panis vivus (Esquivel), The Rector: 6.30 E. Plainsong (Morley), A. Nolo mortem peccatoris (Morley), The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Stanford in C, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Canon J Oates: 6.30 Choral E, Wesley in E, Save us O Lord (Bairstow), Rev W Boulton.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC: 11 S Euch, Sumsion in F, The Lord is my shepherd (Wesley), Rev J Vine.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Euch: 6.30 EP, Fr M Day.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch, Whitlock in G, A. Be still my soul (Whitlock), The Rector.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8 & 12 HC: 11 MP, Rev G C Taylor: 6.30 EP, Rev P Faunch.

ST JAMES'S, Carlekhythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch, Rev J Paul (Service taking place at St Michael Paternoster Royal).

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC: 10.30 Morning Worship, Rev J Wood: 6.30 EP, Preb M Bunker

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch: 6.45 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Darke in E Minor, Pie Jesu (Durufle), Rev B Galloway: 6 CE with Ministry of Healing, Sumsion in G, O how glorious (Harwood), Rev B Newton.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC: 9.30 Parish HC: 11 S Euch, Missa brevis St Joannis De Deo (Haydn), Rev D Frith.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: No services until further notice.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8 & 12.30 HC: 9.30 Parish Euch, Rev F Gell: 11.15 M, Mr N Pain: 6.30 Choral E, The Vicar.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 & 7 LM: 11 HM, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Out of the deep (Morley), O sacrum convivium (Tallis), Ff & Scott: 6 Solemn E & B.

ST MARY'S, Primrose Hill, NW3: 8 HC: 10 Parish Euch, Ireland in C, See how kind the world (Stainer), Rev J Svendsen.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC: 11 Choral Euch, Missa O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria), O How Glorious (Harwood), Rev I Brown: 6.30 Ministry of Healing, Rev Dr D Duncan.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: 11 Sung HC, Rev O Clarke: 12.30 Holy Baptism.

ST MATTHEW'S, Great Peter St, SW1: 8 LM: 10 SM, Music (Martin Shaw), Rev B Bridgewood: 6.30 LM

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC: 11 Family Service: 7 Informal ES & HC at Grey Coat Hospital School, Graham Terrace, SW1 and Informal ES at St James the Less Church, Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral Euch, Holy is the true light (Harris), Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), O sacrum convivium (Vann), Rev D Burton Evans.

ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, SW7: 10.30 Family HC: 6.30 Informal Service.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC: 11 Solemn Euch, Missa Deus Misereatur (Lassus), Beatus Vir (Carissimi), De Profundis (Reuter), Rev C Courtauld

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC: 10 Family Mass: 11 SM, Missa Vinum bonum (Lassus), Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), Ff A Buck.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC: 11 MP, Ireland in F, And I saw another angel (Stanford), Rev G James: 6.30 E, Murrill in E, Be strong in the Lord (Harris), Rev G James.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM: 11 SM, Missa Aedis Christi (Howells), Justorum animae (Lassus), Gaudent in coelis (Phillips), Ff J Towers: 6 Solemn E & B, Ff G Colven.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 Sung Mass, Rev H Avent.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev J H McIndoe: 6.30 Songs of Praise.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev H O Ross: 12.20 HC: 6.30 Rev H G Ross.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), I heard a voice (Tomkins), Blessed is he (Tomkins).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 Sung Latin Mass, Missa Ave Maris Stella (Victoria), Sclo Enim (Lassus).

CHURCH OF OUR MOST HOLY REDEEMER, Cheyne Row, SW3: 10, 11, 12.15 & 6.30, Ff P Nolan.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM: 11 HM.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa brevis (Schubert), Laudibus in sanctis (Byrd), 12.30, 4.30, 7: 5.30 V & B, Ego sum panis vivus (Esquivel), Ff Scott.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Sung Mass, Missa Festiva (Mitterer), O quam gloriosum (Vaet), Toccata (Sweelinck).

ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: MM 8.30, 10, 11 St Cecilia Mass (Turner), O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Ego et Videte (Vaughan Williams), 12.15, 6.30.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School: 11 Worship, Rev R Allison.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 10.30 Glyn Owen, London City Mission.

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11 HC, Rev M Bradby: 6 Ms Lucy D'Aeth.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev P Hoar: 6.30 Rev M Rothwell.

KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 11 Family Celebration, Lewis: 11 Celebration, Wynne Lewis: 2.30 Baptism, Gareth Lewis: 6.30 Healing Service, Lyndon Bowring: 9 Club Night.

KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11 & 6.30, Rev P Lovell.

REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbyterian/Congregational), Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 Communion, Rev Dr D Jenkins: 6.30 ES, Rev B Scopes.

SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford St W1: 11 & 6.30 Major C Hunt

ST ANDREW'S URC, Frognal Lane NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev W D Swanson: 7 Choral Mass, Missa O quam gloriosum est regnum (Victoria), Rev S Everson.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, Lords Roundabout, NW8: 11 MS, Rev W C McCrorie.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC: 11 MS, Rev P Hulme & Rev Dr K G Cecil.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 & 6.30 Rev D Banner.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11 & 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.

WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2, 11, Meeting for worship.

The people that lived in darkness have seen a great light: light has dawned on those who lived in the land of death's dark shadow. St. Matthew 4 : 16 (REB)

BIRTHS

ADEOSUN - On October 25th 1991, at The Portland Hospital, to Genny (nee Oseni) and Wole, Maryann Olutobi Adepeju.

BINDING - See Davies.

DAVIES - On October 30th 1991, to Debbie (nee Binding) and Robert, God's gift of a son, Alexander Keith

FORMAR - On October 28th 1991, to Georgina (nee Curzon) and Richard, a son, *Courtney Dorian*, a brother for Hadley 26 Carrwood, Hale Barns, Cheshire.

JOSEPH - On November 1st, at Kings College Hospital, London, to Victoria (nee Walker) and Charles, a son, Frederick Duncan Walker.

KALDERON - On October 28th 1991, at the Atiku Hospital, Tokyo, to Susan and Mark, a daughter, Rebecca Anne, a sister for William.

McCONNOCHIE - On October 23rd, at St Thomas' Hospital, London, to Seonaid and Rennie McConnochie, a son, Ruaridh Lawson, a brother for James.

MILLS - On October 26th, at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Elizabeth (nee Barnes) and John, a son, Joseph Francis John.

SCHNELLMANN - On October 24th, at The Portland Hospital, London, to Evelyn and Max, a son, Matthias Anthony.

WELLS - On October 27th, at Fort Irwin, California, to Vicki (nee Maitland) and Ben, a daughter, Georgia Rose, a sister for Sophie.

WIGAN - On October 30th, at The Portland Hospital, to Julia and Dominic, a daughter, Anna Jessie.

WILLIAMS - On October 26th, to Janet (nee Barwick) and Neil, a son, Victor Howard Barwick.

MARRIAGES

WYATT:DE VRIES - On Friday November 1st, at the Registry Office, Alford, Aberdeenshire, Henry, son of Michael and Britta Wyatt of Kilmore End, nr. Henley-on-Thames and grandson of Mrs A.B. Wyatt of Chaucer Road, Cambridge, to Ilja, daughter of Harry de Vries of Woerden, The Netherlands and Lily Westerop of Lumsden, Aberdeenshire.

DEATHS

BASSETT - On October 28th 1991, Ralph Harry, Requiem Eucharist 2 pm St Margaret's Church, Southsea, on Wednesday November 6th followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to Christian Aid.

BAY - On October 30th, David Michael, dearly loved husband of Patricia, much loved father of Nicholas and Anthony and loving grandfather. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving on November 8th at St John's Church, Harpenden at 2.30pm.

BOLTIN - On October 28th, Lee, Photographer Extraordinaire, in New York leaving wife Caroll, son Benjamin and daughter Julia. A man of amazing talent, wit and vitality, he will be missed by many, both in and out of the photographic and art world.

CERNY - On October 31st, peacefully, in Highgate, Marie (nee Hlouskova), aged 92 years, widow of Jaroslav Cerny, egyptologist, and much loved mother of Anna (Alliott) and Naomi (McIntosh), grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at St Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, at 11 am, Thursday November 7th. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to Hill Homes, Denewood Road, N6.

DEATHS

HAUGHTON - On November 1st 1991, peacefully at home, Dorothy (Dilly), beloved wife of the late Rex Haughton, mother of Mary and adored grandmother. Funeral Service at Worth Crematorium, Partridge Green, on Wednesday November 6th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations to League of Friends, Hospital, Kent.

KIDD - On October 31st, peacefully in Southmead Hospital, Bristol, Anthony Stutchbury Kidd, beloved husband of Gladys Kidd and father to Gill, Suzy and Charles. Funeral Service at St Helen's Church, Alveston, near Bristol, at 11.30 am on Thursday November 7th. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, Beaumont Street, London W1.

MADDOCK - On October 30th, suddenly in his garden, John Edward, aged 82, most loving and beloved Dad of Margaret Debenham and Alison Gilbert, Grandad of Claire, Robert and Cathy. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Sandbach, on November 6th at 1.45 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Relief.

MYTTON - On Wednesday October 30th 1991, peacefully at home, David Robert Troughton. Dearly loved husband of Stephne and adored father and father-in-law. Funeral at Church of St Peter and St Paul, Bilstington, Kent, on Wednesday November 6th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to Earl & Co., (0233) 620822.

SCROPE - On November 1st 1991 peacefully in Blenheim, New Zealand, Simon, aged 81. Funeral in New Zealand on Tuesday November 5th.

SHELLEY - On October 31st, Jane, after a short illness bravely borne. Greatly loved wife of Charles and beloved mother of Sarah, Julia and Caroline. Funeral Tuesday November 5th at 2.30 pm at Abenhall Church, near Mitcheldean, Glos. Flowers and donations (for Abenhall Church Roof Fund) to N.J. Little Funeral Director, Mitcheldean, (0594) 542692.

SKYRME - On October 31st, peacefully in hospital, Anne, of Lower Oddington, Glos. For many years devoted to the children of Homefield School, Great Bilton Grange, Dunchurch. Loved sister of Betty Garlick and her niece Elizabeth Hollaway, sister of the late Phyl Skyrme. Funeral Service at The Church of the Holy Ascension, Lower Oddington Thursday November 7th at 2pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations, if desired, to be divided between The Church of the Holy Ascension and the Friends of the Moore Cottage Hospital, may be left at the Church or sent to W.J. Wright Funeral Director, Well Lane, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos. GL54 1DB.

SOLOMON - On November 1st, Rodney James, peacefully. Much loved by his sister Wendy and will be greatly missed by his many friends. Funeral Service will take place at 11 am on Sunday November 3rd at Edgewarebury Cemetery, Edgwarebury Lane, Edgeware, Middx. No flowers.

TROOP - On October 31st 1991, Alfred Thomas (Fred), aged 75 years, dearly loved husband of Pat, much loved father of Evyanne, father-in-law of Daniel, grandfather to Laurence and Joanne. Funeral Service, Monday November 4th 12.20 pm at Canley Crematorium, Coventry. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for Cancer Research to Grimmett and Timms Funeral Directors, 118 Albany Road, Coventry. (0203) 674746.

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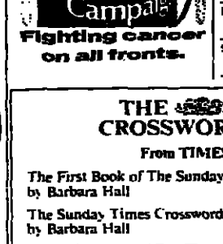
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(Estate about £25,000.00)

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LEGAL NOTICES

COTEHART LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 21st November 1991, to send in their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Stephen Ralph of Payne Hicks Beach, 10 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London, WC2A 3QG, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

S. Ralph, Liquidator

NOTE: This notice is purely formal. All known Creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

31st October 1991

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

No 0011431 of 1991

CHANCERY DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF HUNTERPRINT GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

-and-

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 7 October 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £19,831,855.95 to £11,000,000.00 and of the cancellation of the share premium account of £16,826,061.84 of the said Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Hoffmann at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday 11 November 1991

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital and cancellation of the share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED 2 November 1991

D. GRANSTON, QC

PICKFORDS WHARF, CLINK STREET, LONDON SE1 9DG

Solicitors for the above Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

No. 005349 of 1991

CHANCERY DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF G.S.I. (UK) LIMITED

-and-

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated the 14th October 1991 confirming (i) the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £1,500,000 to £100,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above Act and (ii) the cancellation of £74,799 standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 28th October 1991.

Dated the 31st day of October 1991.

Messrs Pannbyrnes, Eastwood House, 69 Old Broad Street, London EC2M 1PE (REF: PJM) Solicitors for the above-named Company

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver

CT WOOL PROCESSING LIMITED

Registered number: 2364854

Formerly Company name: Cullingworth (Textiles) Limited.

Trading names: Cullingworth (Textiles) Limited, Tom Robinson (Dyers) Limited. Nature of business: Wool processing. Trade classification: 08. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 28 October 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: R Marsh and OC Horsfield. Office holder nos: 005925 and 005899) Address: Peat Marwick McLintock, 9 Bond Court, Leeds LS1 2SN

LEGAL NOTICES

J.G. TURNEY & SON LIMITED (In Voluntary Liquidation)

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S. Ralph, Liquidator

NOTE: This notice is purely formal. All known Creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

31st October 1991

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person mentioned before the date specified: after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

ANDERSON, Hilda Rose of Ardmore House, Ardmore Lane, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, died on 7th September 1991. Partic

BBC 1

7.25 **News** and weather
7.30 **Ovide.** Cartoon adventures with the duckbilled platypus (r) **7.40 Opposites Attract: On the Rocks or in the Mountains.** Derek Griffiths look at the habitats of a variety of animals **7.50 The Jetsons: The Flying Suit.** Space-age cartoon (r)
8.15 **Chucklevision: The Great Outdoors.** The Chuckle brothers go camping (s) **8.35 Dungeons and Dragons.** Cartoon fantasy (r)
9.00 **Going Live!** Children's entertainment presented by Paul Schofield and Sarah Greene. The guests include the percussionist Evelyn Glennie, animal expert Chris Packham and pop singer Midge Ure. Peter Simon presents another edition of *Double Dare* and there is cartoon fun with *The Raccoons* and *Thundercats* **12.12 Weather**
12.15 **Grandstand.** Introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.20, 2.10 Boxing.** A repeat showing of the World Title challenge between Frank Bruno and Mike Tyson in Las Vegas; James "Buster" Douglas's victory over Mike Tyson for the World Title in Tokyo; **12.50 News; 12.55, 1.25, 1.55 Racing** from Chepstow: **(1.00)** The Welsh Brewers Hurdle Race H'cap; **(1.30)** The South Wales Electricity Steeple Chase H'cap; **(2.00)** The Tote Silver Trophy H'cap, **1.10, 1.40, 3.55 Motor Racing.** The Formula Ford Festival from Brands Hatch; **3.15, 4.10 Tennis.** Women's final of the Volkswagen National Championships from Telford; **3.45 Football Half-Times.** Derby day in Scotland: Rangers v Celtic and Hibernian v Hearts. Plus, the latest scores **4.35 Final Score**
5.00 **News** and weather **5.10 Regional News** and sport
5.15 **One to Win.** Three contestants compete for the holiday of a lifetime. Hosted by Andrew O'Connor. (Ceefax) (s). Wales: 5.30 Tom and Jerry Double Bill
5.45 **Only Fools and Horses: Hole in One.** David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst star in a repeat episode of John Sullivan's enjoyable comedy about the south London wheeler-dealers (r). (Ceefax)
6.15 **Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game.** Four couples compete for tonight's prizes on the conveyor belt. (Ceefax) (s)
7.15 **Challenge Anneka.** Anneka Rice is aided by fireworks, a septic tank and a giant lawnmower as she undertakes another worthy challenge at breakneck speed. (Ceefax)
8.05 **Birds of a Feather: Cuckoo.** More quips and snide remarks from Chigwell's prison widows. Starring Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson. (Ceefax) (s)
8.35 **The House of Elliott.** Glossy period drama about two orphaned sisters in 1920s London. Beatrice and Evie are unable to agree on designs for their proposed collection, and Evie moves out. Starring Stella Gonet and Louise Lombard. (Ceefax) (s)
9.30 **News** and sport. Weather
9.50 **Saturday Night Clive.** Clive James gives his caustic interpretation of global television and the week's international news. Beaming in by satellite is the comic actor Dudley Moore



Computer creation: Lisa LeBrock knows what to do (10.35pm)

10.35 **Film: Weird Science** (1985)
● CHOICE: Directed by John Hughes, who went on to make the phenomenally successful *Home Alone*, this is a restless comedy about two teenage boys who feed copies of *Playboy* into their computer and manage to invent a sexy young woman, Kelly LeBrock. Once they've got her, they don't know what to do with her (the film could be said to have the same problem), but Lisa, as the nubile creation is christened, is far more worldly wise than they are and soon takes matters into her own hands, leading them into deeper and deeper trouble but also a new awareness of their worth as individuals. It's full of pointless special effects, relentless *Ghostbusters*-style music and stuffy adults who disapprove at every turn. Not really a picture for grown-ups at all, but who am I to underestimate its appeal to a pubescent, male audience? As one lad says to the other at the film's outset: "Don't ruin the fantasy, OK?" (Ceefax) (s)
12.05am **Film: City of the Dead** (1960, b/w). Atmospheric horror film, climaxing on a fog-enshrouded night, in which the spirit of a 17th century witch, burned at the stake 250 years ago, lures innocent victims for blood sacrifice to the devil. Starring Christopher Lee, Betta St John and Patricia Jessel. Directed by John Moxey
1.25 **Weather**

BBC 2

9.00 **Open University:** Open Advice — There's a Degree in Me Somewhere **9.25** Mental Handicap — No Problem's Too Big **9.50** Environment **10.40** Practical Conservations: Urban Habitats
11.05 **Spirit of Asia: Land of the Cosmic Mountain.** David Attenborough is our guide to the people of Java, their Hindu shrines and religious traditions (r)
12.05 **Holiday Outings: France — Horse-Riding.** Victoria Studd journeys on horseback in the Corbières region of southwest France (r)
12.15 **Film: Jumping Jacks** (1952, b/w). Early comedy-teaming of Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin as vaudevillians making a song-and-dance about joining the paratroops. With Mona Freeman and Robert Strauss. Directed by Norman Taurog
1.45 **Heirs and Graces: Doddington Hall.** Lady Victoria Leatham visits the Elizabethan house of Doddington Hall near Lincoln (r)
2.15 **Network East.** The Asian entertainment magazine visits the Khajuraho dance festival in India and looks at couture fashion from Pakistan
2.45 **Mahabharat.** Episode 70 of the 93-part Indian epic. In Hindi with English subtitles. Wales: (to 4.10) Film: The Land That Time Forgot
3.25 **Astor Piazzolla: Tango Nuevo.** In celebration of the seventieth birthday of the Argentinian composer, a 1989 recording by the New Tango Sextet (r)
4.10 **Film: The Agony and the Ecstasy** (1965). Routine Hollywood saga about the four-year conflict between the Renaissance painter and sculptor Michelangelo and Pope Julius II over the painting of the Sistine Chapel. Starring Charlton Heston, Rex Harrison and Diane Cilento. Directed by Carol Reed. (Ceefax)
6.10 **Japanese — Language and People: Time Out.** The workaholic Japanese are shown at play
6.40 **Late Again.** Highlights of *The Late Show*, the arts and media magazine (s)
7.25 **Have I Got News For You?** Angus Deayton hosts the comedy news quiz. Team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are joined by Clare Short, MP, and comedian Nick Hancock (r) (s)
7.55 **News** and sport. Weather
8.10 **Sounds of the Sixties: 1967-68 — The Pop Boom.** To ensure the commercial success of their latest single, groups such as Procul Harum, the Bee Gees and the Rolling Stones made frequent appearances on *Top of the Pops* (s)
8.40 **The Second Russian Revolution: Revolution from Below.** The election of the First Congress of People's Deputies in March 1989 which changed the face of Soviet politics (r). (Ceefax)



Flavour of success: old schoolfriends get together (9.30pm)

9.30 **Performance: Top Girls**
● CHOICE: Caryl Churchill's award-winning 1982 play reaches television under its original director, the Royal Court's Max Stafford-Clark, and produced in association with the theatre. Highly successful in its day as a satirical portrait of the era's shoulder-padded new career women, it seems at first to be dated as well as horribly stagey. But after the brittle humour of the first act in which the managing director of an agency, Marlene (Lesley Manville), hosts a dinner party for "top girls" of the past — a Pope and Patient Griselda among them — the production changes gear quite dramatically. The last scenes in which Marlene visits her downtrodden sister, Joyce (Deborah Findlay), and retarded teenager, Angie (Lesley Sharp), are very moving. Face to face with sis over a bottle of whisky, she finds herself working hard to justify some pretty selfish past decisions. "I believe in the individual, look at me!", she cries. Joyce stares back at her, grim and unforgiving: "I *am* looking at you." (Ceefax) (s)
11.25 **Film: Monkey Grip** (1982). Australian romantic drama about a single mother who falls for a charismatic young actor, not realising that he is a heroin addict. Starring Noni Hazlehurst and Colin Friels. Directed by Ken Cameron
1.05am **Def II: Dance Energy.** Normski introduces Rozalla, Slipmat and Lime, and a video from Bel Biv Devoe (r) (s). Ends at **1.40**

ITV

6.00 **TV-am**
9.25 **Motormouth.** Snooker player Jimmy White is on cue as he racks up against a computer-powered opponent, and Gaby Roslin parades designs for the Lloyds Young Fashion Show. With cartoonist Bill Tidy, a kendo martial art display, the *Pizza Cats* and the return of *Mousetrap*. Presented by Neil Buchanan, Andy Crane and Steve Johnson

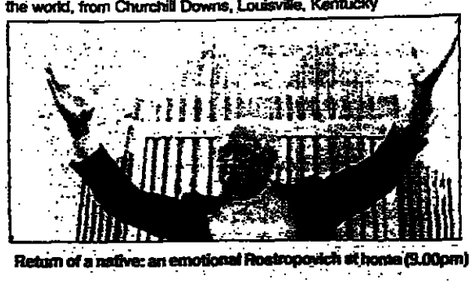


A different ballgame: snooker player Jimmy White (9.25am)

11.30 **The ITV Chart Show.** The latest videos from the rock chart, with Depeche Mode performing "People Are People" in the *Vintage Video* slot (s)
12.30 **Superman: The Beast Beneath These Streets.** Cartoon adventures with the caped crusader. An underground mutant steals Superman's powers
1.00 **News** with Fiona Armstrong. Weather **1.05 LWT News** and weather
1.10 **Rugby World Cup Final: England v Australia.** Live from Twickenham, Frank Bough previews the climactic final of the Rugby World Cup, which kicks-off at **2.30.** Joining John Taylor in the commentary box is the former England and Australian international Steve Smith and Bill Calcraft, with studio analysis from Jim Rosenthal and Tony Francis. The programme incorporates **Saint & Greavsie** with Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves, who take an idiosyncratic look at the game of rugby and tackle the week's football news. **4.45 Results Service.** Elton Welsby with news of this afternoon's football action and scores
5.00 **News** with Fiona Armstrong. Weather **5.05 LWT News** and weather
5.10 **Ten Sharp!** Pat Sharp meets Jeremy Jackson of *Baywatch* and Colour Me Bad introduce their latest video
5.25 **Catchphrase.** Roy Walker host the high-tech quiz show
5.55 **New Baywatch: The Fabulous Buchannon Boys.** Buoyant lifeguard adventure series, starring David Hasselhoff. (Oracle) (s)
6.45 **Blind Date.** Cilla Black acts as chaperon to contestants playing the mating game. (Oracle)
7.45 **Stay Lucky: An Unsavoury Business.** Comedy drama series, starring Dennis Waterman and Jan Francis, whose differences are brought into focus at a charity benefit. (Oracle) (s)
8.45 **News** with Fiona Armstrong. Weather **9.00 LWT News**
9.05 **Film: No Mercy** (1986). Violent thriller starring Richard Gere as an undercover cop on the trail of the crime boss responsible for the murder of his partner. The steamy New Orleans location and gangster's moll Kim Basinger help to keep the action on the boil. Directed by Richard Pearce. (Oracle)
11.05 **Rugby World Cup Final Highlights.** Frank Bough looks back at this afternoon's match at Twickenham
12.00 **Tour of Duty: Sealed with a Kiss.** American drama series about a group of raw recruits on active service in the Vietnam war. Zeke (Terrence Knox) toys with the possibility of becoming a CIA mercenary. Followed by **Get Stuffed**
1.00am **WCW Pro Wrestling.** Professional wrestling from the United States. Followed by **Get Stuffed**
2.05 **New Music.** Denise Donlan and Jana Lynne White with celebrity interviews and videos
3.05 **Coach: The Investment.** American comedy drama series about a college football coach. Luther (Jerry Van Dyke) and Hayden (Craig T. Nelson) are robbed (s)
3.30 **Baseball 1991.** Highlights from the United States
4.25 **The Hit Man and Her.** Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan with fashion hints, competitions and club sounds (s)
5.30 **ITN Morning News** with Phil Roman. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 **Comic Book.** Children's cartoons **6.55 Once Upon a Time . . . Space 7.25 Sporting Years to Remember: 1915-1920. 7.55 Trans World Sport.** International sporting news **9.00 News Summary 9.05 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line**
9.30 **Same Difference.** Hollywood's stance on disability. With signing and subtitles (r)
10.00 **Travelog.** Andy Kershaw visits Mongolia (r). (Teletext) (s)
10.30 **Wagon Train** (b/w). The 1950s western series
11.30 **Tony Jacklin's Pro-Celebrity Golf Challenge.** Tony Jacklin introduces round four of the tournament from Le Touquet in France. Captains Sam Torrance and Ronan Rafferty are joined by the boxer Henry Cooper and the actor Tim Brooke-Taylor (r)
12.30 **American Football — Red 42** (s)
1.00 **Potters at Work.** Japanese craftsmen at work
1.35 **Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket.** Introduced by John Francome. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **(1.40)** Royston Stakes; **(2.10)** *Sporting Life* Zetland Stakes; **(2.40)** Autumn H'cap; **(3.10)** Ben Marshall Stakes. Plus a preview of this evening's Breeders' Cup from Kentucky
3.35 **Film: Pennies from Heaven** (1936, b/w). Sentimental musical comedy starring Bing Crosby as a wrongly imprisoned troubadour who is asked by a murderer to visit the family of his victim. With Louis Armstrong. Directed by Norman Z. McLeod
5.05 **Brookside.** Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext) (s)
6.30 **News Summary** and weather, followed by **Right to Reply.** Viewers' react to coverage of the World Cup Rugby. (Teletext) (s)
7.00 **South: Democracy in Crisis**
● CHOICE: Manjira Datta's film does its best to steer a straightforward course through the troubled events of the past 18 months in India. Unfortunately, it can't really: the religious and political issues are just too complicated and what starts as a linear approach has to double back on itself so much to explain things that Rajiv Gandhi never seems to die with any finality. All the same, there is some acute analysis and some fascinating footage, especially that showing Rajiv Gandhi on a pre-election walkabout visiting poor villages. He is greeted by a barrage of complaints: "We have no roads, no drinking water, no electricity", but has no idea of how to respond to these. "I'll try to form some plan", is the nearest he comes to giving comfort, and unbelievably it seems to do the trick. "Since you've come here, we'll vote for you", he is told
8.00 **Channel 4 Racing International: The Breeders' Cup 1991.** Brough Scott introduces coverage of the richest race meeting in the world, from Churchill Downs, Louisville, Kentucky



Return of a native: an emotional Rostropovich at home (9.00pm)

9.00 **Soldiers of Music: Rostropovich Returns to Russia.**
● CHOICE: A baggy monster of a programme recording the journey home of the great cellist and conductor with his wife, the celebrated soprano Galina Vishnevskaya, after 16 years of exile. Filmed by the Emmy award-winning team of Peter Gelb, Susan Froemke and Albert Maysles, it looks like a superior home video and prompts the same excesses of boredom and fascination in the watcher. The concerts are stirring and emotional scenes such as Galina near to tears in front of the Bolshoi opera, too terrified to enter, or a former assistant to Rostropovich wailing: "I was and still am devoted to you. I didn't forget you even for a moment . . . " show the momentous nature of their visit and the sacrifice they made in giving up their careers there, after which both were stripped of their Soviet citizenship. Now they say they have no regrets, but reviving all those memories is clearly draining. At the end of their stay Galina sighs: "Can you believe it was only seven days? . . . In one week we lived 16 years"
10.30 **Film: Halfaouine — Child of the Terraces** (1990). The *Mono Cinema* season continues with an explicit Franco-Tunisian drama about sexual awakening. Showing for the first time on network television, the story charts a 12-year-old boy's initiation into manhood. Starring Selim Boughedir and Carolyn Chelby. With English subtitles. Written and directed by Ferid Boughedir
12.25am **The Oprah Winfrey Show.** Oprah meets Michael J. Fox (r) (s)
1.15 **American Football — Red 42** (r) (s)
1.45 **The Word.** Last's night show, presented by Terry Christian, Amanda De Cadenet and Katie Puckrik (r) (s). Ends at **2.45**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
6.00am Danger Bay 6.30 Sha Na Na 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Transformers 11.30 Star Trek 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Combat 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 3.00 Monkey 4.00 Bear Cats 5.00 The Torch 5.30 Colour in the Creek 6.00 Robin of Sherwood 7.00 T J Hooker 8.00 Unsolved Mysteries 9.00 Cops I 9.30 Cops II 10.00 All American Wrestling 11.00 The Rookies 12.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Health Circuit 11.00 Dayline 11.30 Newsline Weekend 12.30pm Those were the Days 1.30 Holiday Destinations 2.30 Fashion TV 3.30 Those were the Days 4.30 Health Circuit 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline Weekend 7.30 Fashion TV 8.30 Holiday Destinations 10.30 Newsline Weekend 11.30 Fashion TV 12.30am Holiday Destinations 1.30 Newsline Weekend 2.30 Health Circuit 3.30 Our World 4.30 Those were the Days

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
8.00 Grayeagle (1978). Western adventure starring Ben Johnson, Alex Cord
10.00 Supergirl (1984): Faye Dunaway stars as Superman's cousin
12.10pm The Perfect Tribute (1990): Drama set during the American civil war
2.00 Eddie and the Cruisers II: Eddie Lives (1989): Adventures of a fictional rock-and-roll singer, starring Michael Pare
4.00 Her Last Best Year (1990): Drama about a young female executive who discovers that she is terminally ill
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Cocoon: the Return (1988): A sequel to the 1985 fantasy starring Don Ameche, Jessica Tandy
8.00 Lambada — The Forbidden Dance (1988): Drama about a South American village princess who takes part in a dance contest
10.00 Enemy Territory (1987): A timid insurance man is trapped in a high-rise building controlled by a violent street gang
11.35 Linda: Erotic tale about a young woman who embarks on a number of sensual adventures when she winds up in a brothel on an exotic foreign island
1.05am Creepshow 2 (1987): Three spine-chillers from Stephen King and George Romero
2.35 Roxanne: Prize Pulitzer (1988): Account of the break-up of Roxanne Pulitzer's marriage to the millionaire publishing tycoon
4.10 Stealing Home (1988): Baseball drama starring Mark Harmon and Jodie Foster. Ends 5.45

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.15am It Should Happen to You (1953): Comedy about the nature of celebrity starring Judy Holliday, Jack Lemmon
8.15 The Gunfighter (1950): Western starring Gregory Peck
10.15 King of Jazz (1930). One of the first films shot in Technicolour. Featuring Paul Whiteman and his Orchestra, John Boles, Bing Crosby and Laura la Plante
12.00 World Entertainment Report
1.00pm A Song to Remember (1945): Musical biopic detailing the last years in the life of the composer Chopin
3.00 The Stranger's Hand (1954): A son is worried about his espionage officer father's disappearance in Italy
4.30 Tokyo Joe (1949): Starring Humphrey Bogart and Florence Marly
6.15 Saturday Night Monster Mash: The Mummy's Hand (1940): Kharis the Mummy is resurrected by a high priest of an evil sect and unleashed on the members of an archaeological expedition
7.50 Spotlight
8.15 Without a Clue (1988). Ben Kingsley stars as detective Watson who hires an alcoholic, down-and-out actor called Holmes to act as his front
10.05 Revenge of the Radioactive Reporter (1989): A reporter investigating a nuclear power plant finds himself plunged into a vat of toxic ooze
11.35 Saturday Night Detectives: Cruising (1980): Thriller starring Al Pacino
1.15am Critters 2 (1988): Man-eating hedgehogs from outer space hatch from eggs laid on Earth two years ago and wreak havoc in Kansas
2.55 Jackknife (1989): Two Vietnam veterans face up to the events of the war. Ends 4.25

THE COMEDY CHANNEL

● Via the Astra satellite.
4.00pm The Lucy Hour 5.00 The Love boat 6.00 Car 54, Where are you? 6.30 The Monkees 7.00 Abbott and Costello 7.30 Maniac Mansion 8.00 Seven Brides for Seven Brothers 10.00 Comic Strip Live 11.00 The Last Laugh 11.30 The Burns and Allen Show

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.30am Aerobics 7.00 National Tennis Championships 9.00 Fishing in the West 9.30 Soccer Weekend 10.30 WCW World wide Wrestling 11.30 Motor World 12.00 German League Football 2.00pm Superbouts 3.00 National Tennis Championships 7.30 WWF Primetime Wrestling 9.00 Ringside 11.00 Red Line 12.00 NFL American Football 2.00am Ringside

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am International Motorsport 9.00 Eurolympics Albertville 9.30 Golf World Cup Rome 11.30 Benelux Sport Magazine 12.00 Wrestling 1.00pm Saturday Alive 7.30 International Motorsport 8.30 Live Cycling 9.00 Boxing 10.00 Tennis Paris Open 11.30 Live Cycling

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.30am US Boxing 1.30 Indy Car 2.30 US College Football 3.30 Dutch Open Bowling Masters 4.30 World Snooker Classics 6.30 British Open Rally Championships 7.00 Truckspeed '91 8.30 Gillette World Sport Special 9.00 FIA World Rally Championships 10.00 Rugby World Cup '91 11.00 Indy Car 11.30 NBA Basketball 1.00pm Argentina soccer 2.00 Rugby World Cup 4.15 Johnnie Walker Golf Report 4.30 Powersports 5.30 Pro Superbike 1991 6.00 US Grand Prix Show Jumping 7.00 Powerboating Documentary 8.00 Live US PGA Tour 9.30 Rugby World Cup '91 10.30 Delay American College Football

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Anne Oakley 12.30pm The Smother Brothers 1.00 White Shadow 1.55 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous 2.50 Spain Spain Holiday 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 Search for Tomorrow **6.00** The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Ultrasal 1991 5.15-5.25 Cartoon

BORDER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today 5.15-5.25 Cartoon Time 12.00 Film: The Big Chill (Kevin Kline and Meg Tilly) 2.00am The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sportsworld 5.05-5.30 William Tell

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today: One Fru Over the Munster's Nest 5.10-5.25 Central Sports Special — Goals Extra 12.00 Film: When a Stranger Calls (Charles Durning and Carol Kane) 1.50am Married With Children 2.20 CinemAttractions 2.50 America's Top Ten 3.20 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Kandinsky's Vault 3.50 This Week in Nascar 4.50-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRAMPIAN

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Bastha'n Rhasaich 4.45-5.00 Scotsport Results 5.10 Criomagan 5 15-5 30 Put It In Writing 12.00 Film: The Big Chill (Kevin Kline and Meg Tilly) 2.00am The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sports World 5 00-5.30 William Tell

GRANADA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Peppino 5.10-5.30 Granada Goals Extra 12.00 Film: The Big Chill 2.00am The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sports World 5.05-5.30 William Tell

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today 5.05-5.20 HTV West News and Sport

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 5.05 HTV Wales News and Sport 5.20-5.25 Cartoon Time

SCOTTISH

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Dinosaurs 4.45-5.00 Scotsport Results 5.15-5.25 Cartoon Time 9.05 Film: City on Fire (Henry Fonda, Barry Newman and Susan Clark) 12.00 The Young Riders 12.55am Cue the Music 1.55 CinemAttractions 2.25 Barf Bliss Back 3.30 Film: West of Zanzibar (Anthony Steel and Sylvia Syms) 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The South West Week 5.15-5.25 Gus Honeybun's Cartoon Time 12.00 Film: The Big Chill 2.00am The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sportsworld 5.05-5.30 William Tell

TVS

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Blockbusters 5.15-5.25 Cartoon

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Peppino 5.05 Northern Life Sports Special 5.15-5.30 Cartoon Time 12.00 Film: The Big Chill (Kevin Kline and Meg Tilly) 2.00am The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sportsworld 5.05-5.30 William Tell

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Dinosaurs 5.20-5.25 Cartoon 12.00 Film: The Big Chill 2.00am The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sportsworld 5.05-5.30 William Tell

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Kaits and Dog 5.05 Calendar News 5.15-5.25 Cartoon Time 12.00 Film: Nightmares 1.50am Backstage 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Lord Mountbatten: The Last Viceroy 4.55 Music Box 5.25-5.30 Phenomena

S4C

Starts: 5.20am 4 Tel on View 9.30 Jeifin 10.00 The Tiina Tunnel 11.00 I Love Lucy 11.30 Same Difference 12.00 Travelog 12.30pm American Football 1.00 Potters at Work 1.35 Racing from Newmarket 1.55 Rygbi — Cwpan Y Byd 4.45 Channel 4 Racing: Live Coverage 5.05 Brookside 6.30 The Wonder Years: The Accident 7.00 Newyddion Noe Sadwrn 7.25 Gwyl Gerdd Dant Cymru 9.40 Rygbi — Cwpan Y Byd 10.40 Gwyl Gerdd Dant 1.00am Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 9.30am Scratch Saturday 9.00 The Show People 9.10 Telling Tales 9.15 The Adventures of Ric 9.30 Pido and Dido 9.35 Docktales 10.00 Pajo and the Salty Frog in Space 11.00 Round the Bend 12.00 Family Ties 1.00pm Cliffs 1.30 News followed by The Disney Hour 2.45 Gunsmoke 3.40 Film: Dodsworth (Walter Huston and Ruth Chatterton) 5.30 Eureka 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 Mailbag 6.40 Talkabout 7.05 Baywatch 8.00 Secrets 9.00 News 9.20 Kenny Live 10.40 Brides of Christ 11.40 Neil Sedaka 12.40am Late News 12.45 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 12.10pm Oireachtas Report 12.30 News 12.34 Sports Stadium 5.10 Family Theatre 5.00 Once Upon a Time...the Americas 6.30 Seachtain 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 The Lawrence Collection 7.05 The Trials of Life 8.00 News 8.05 Salute to Hollywood 10.05 World Cup Rugby 11.05 First Works 11.35 The Girl in the Picture (John Gordon Sinclair, Irina Brook) 1.10am Close

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Yes, one of the worst aspects was the dreadful loneliness. I spent more and more time (and money) in pubs and restaurants — just returning home to flop, exhausted into bed. Perhaps you've gone through the same thing yourself so you'll know what I mean. Particularly if you're a shy sort of person, like I was.

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 7.00am The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 George Harrison An appreciation by Paul Gambaccini 3.00 Johnnie Walker 6.30 David Bowie and Tin Machine. On the eve of his British tour, David Bowie talks to Nicky Horne about life in a band and their new album 7.00 Loose Talk. The chance to quiz a panel of stand-up comics on the week's news or any other topic under the sun 7.30 Saturday Rock Show presented by Alan Freeman 10.00 In Concert featuring Beverly Craven recorded at London's Hammersmith Odeon 11.00 John Peel 2.00am Neale James 4.00-6.00 Paul McKenna (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight The Saturday Show 8.05 Ronnie Hilton with Sounds of the 50s 9.00 Brian Matthew with sounds of the 60s 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper Saturday Selection 1.30pm The News Huddlines Topical humour from Roy Hudd, June Whitfield and Chris Emmett 2.00 Ed Stewart 4.00 Teenagers in Love. A mainly musical journey back to the 50s to see how the teenagers of the day dressed, danced and fell in love 4.30 Katie and Friends. Katie Boyle presents a magazine for animal lovers 5.00 Cinema 2. News and reviews from the film world with Charles Nove 5.30 Screenplay Ian Johnstone hosts the celebrity panel show 6.00 Radio 2 Ballroom Dance Time. Dennis Lotis introduces the Bryan Smith Orchestra, with music for ballroom and Latin dancing 7.00 Beat the Record. Keith Fordyce challenges listeners to identify instrumental versions of popular tunes 7.30 Mel Torme and George Shearing. An Evening of Excellence 8.15 George Shearing talks to Ken Bruce 9.30 Easy Does It 10.00 The Radio 2 Arts Programme with Sheridan Morley 12.05am Brian Matthew 1.00 Alan Dedicoat presents Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 6.00pm 6.00am World Service Newsdesk 6.30 Morning Edition 9.00 On Your Marks 12.00 Lunchtime at Twickenham 12.30pm Sportscall 1.30 Sport on 5 5.05 Sw-O-Sn 7.30 Le Top 9.00 Alropop Worldwide 10.00 Sports Bulletin 10.15 On The Level 12.00-12.10 Sport

WORLD SERVICE

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather, News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Bach (Sinfonia in F, BWV 1046a: New Bach Collegium Musicum, Leipzig, under Max Pommer); Diabelli (Potpourri on Themes by Beethoven: Lisa Beznosiuk, flute, Nigel North, Guitar)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont). Borodin (Overture, Prince Igor: London Symphony Orchestra under Georg Solti); Françaix (Musique pour faire plaisir. Mainz Wind Ensemble under Klaus Rainer Schöll); Respighi (Adagio con variazioni; Czech Philharmonic Orchestra under Karel Ančerl with André Navarra, cello); Janáček, arr. Kálek (Suite, The Cunning Little Vixen. Czech Philharmonic Orchestra under František Jílek)
8.30 News
8.35 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Louis Frémaux with Michael Roll, piano, performs Chabrier(España); Debussy (Ibéria), De Falla (Nights in the Gardens of Spain) (r)
9.30 Saturday Review. Record Review: Building a Library. Brahms Clarinet Sonatas by Robert Philip. Anthony Burton reviews contemporary British, German and Danish music; incl **10.40** Record Release. Mozart (Violin Sonata in A, K526 Itzhak Perlman, violin, Daniel Barenboim, piano); Christopher Headington (Violin Concerto: London Philharmonic Orchestra under Jane Glover, with Xue-Wei, violin); Brahms (four Ballades, Op 10 Martin Jones, piano); Colin Matthews (Night's Mask: Nash Ensemble under Lionel Friend, with Patrizia Kwella, soprano). Mendelssohn (String Symphony No 11 in F. London Festival Orchestra under Ross Pople)
12.55pm Words
● CHOICE: So long as Radio 3 keeps on re-launching these five-minute etymology lectures, we needn't worry that the art of the radio mini-essayist is dead. The writer Frederic Raphael today considers family metaphors which, in English, he finds are without irony or innuendo, though not without a sprinkling of caution. "Kissing cousins", he thinks, implies that first cousins should have second thoughts. He also detects a hint of condemnation in "sugar daddy", recalling that it was Lolita's creator, Nabokov, who discovered that incest was an anagram of nicest (1 of 4)
1.00 News
1.05 Joanna MacGregor, piano, performs Scarlatti (Sonatas in A minor, Kk 175, in E, Kk 215, and in D, Kk 492); Simon Holt (Tauromaquia); Messiaen (Le Baiser, Vingt regards sur l'enfant Jésus); Bartok (Suite, Out of Doors) (r)
2.05 Master Concert: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Yan Pascal Tortelier, with Peter Donohoe, piano, performs Mendelssohn (Overture, the Hebrides, Fingal's Cave, Op 26); Hindemith (Suite Nobilessima visione); Rachmaninov (Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 4 in F

BBC 1

40 **The Train Now Departing: Lines of Industry.** Archive film of Britain's industrial railways (r)
1.10 **News** and weather
3.15 **In Touch with Healing.** Penny Brohn, co-founder of the Bristol Cancer Help Centre, tells Mike Wookindge to what extent she feels people are responsible for their own healing
9.30 **This Is the Day.** Linda Mary-Evans visits Amsterdam and reports on a counselling service run by the city's churches
10.00 **See Hear!** Magazine programme for the deaf community. With signing and subtitles. Wales: No More Nightingales
10.30 **Deutsch Direkt!** German for beginners (r). Wales: Skillshop
10.55 **Fast Feasts:** *Frankfurter and chilli bean pot*
11.00 **No More Nightingales: Quality Is Your Business.** Quality in nursing. Wales: See You Sunday
11.30 **Skillshop.** Advice for women returning to work (s)
12.00 **The Colour Eye: Colour Indoors.** The visual and atmospheric *effects created by interior colour* (r)
12.30 **Country File** presented by John Craven **12.55 Weather**
1.00 **News** followed by **On the Record.** Jonathan Dimbleby discusses the Labour party's shifting policy towards European monetary union and, on the eve of the Rome Summit, David Shukman considers *the role of Nato as peacemaker in Europe*
2.00 **EastEnders.** Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax) (s)
3.00 **Film: The Sand Pebbles** (1966). Explosive drama starring Steve McQueen as the engineer of an American gunboat running a deadly gauntlet on the Yangtze River during China's civil war in 1926. *With Richard Attenborough and Candice Bergen. Directed* by Robert Wise. Northern Ireland: Country Times; 3.30 Film: The Sins of Rachel Cade; 5.25 The Raccoons
5.50 **The Clothes Show** puts the spotlight on Student Fashion Week when 12 of the country's top fashion colleges met at the Business Design Centre in Islington. Presented by Jeff Banks (s)
6.15 **Tomorrow — The World: Breaking the Ice.** Phillip Hodson and Philippa Davies present the first of six programmes on developing self-confidence
6.25 **News** and weather
6.40 **Songs of Praise.** Martin Bashir joins more than 30 Christian communities at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London. (Ceefax) (s)
7.15 **Keeping up Appearances.** *The final episode of* Roy Clarke's comedy series. Starring Patricia Routledge. (Ceefax) (s)
7.45 **Trainer: A Little Touch of Magic in the Night.** Tenth episode of the 13-part equestrian drama series. (Ceefax) (s)
8.35 **Bread.** Last in the Merseyside comedy series.(Ceefax) (s)
9.05 **News** *with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather*
9.20 **Jute City**

● CHOICE: Part two of the quirky thriller, now half-way through and shaping up nicely. As the inept investigator McMurdo, John Sessions is still spouting lines such as: "chess is like private detection; it's a case of being one step ahead", while consistently failing to be so himself, and Alan Howard is proving to be a masterly villain *in the Alan Rickman mode as the sinister* Lord Muircross, given to dismissing underlings as "subterranean toe-rags". The plot is as convoluted as ever — the computer discs have been discovered in a skip by an eccentric sculptress, Sammy turns out to have been leading a double life, McMurdo is in danger *of being murdered by strangling* — but even if you follow none of it, you can settle back to enjoy some classy acting, wonderful Scottish scenery and even strains of indigenous folk songs: "Aw the midges, the midges, they really are the limit . . . " (Ceefax) (s)



Weighing up justice: Joan Bakewell investigates (10.20pm)

10.20 **Heart of the Matter: Murder, They Said.** Joan Bakewell examines the case of Sara Thornton, serving a life sentence for murdering her "brutal" husband, and compares it with the case of Joseph McGrail, who was given a suspended sentence for killing his "nagging" wife. Northern Ireland: God Knows
10.50 ***The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd.*** American comedy series
11.20 **Japanese — Language and People.** Leisure in Japan (r)
11.50 **Mahabharat.** Episode 70 of the 93-part Indian epic (r)
12.30am **Weather.** Wales: Farming in Wales

BBC 2

7.25 **Tales of a Wise King and the Devil.** Animation based on the *fables of King Solomon* **7.30 *Hello Spencer.*** *Puppet fun* (r) **7.50 Playdays** (r) **8.15 Bitsa.** Recycling household junk (r) **8.30 Babar.** Cartoon **8.55 The Little Green Planet Show.** Science series **9.10 Blood and Honey.** Old Testament stories with a difference (s) **9.30 Defenders of the Earth.** Cartoon (r). (Ceefax) **9.50 Blue Peter Omnibus** (s) **10.40 *The Boy from Andromeda.*** Drama series **11.10 Boxpops.** Who makes the rules and who breaks them? (r) **11.50 The O-Zone.** News and views from the charts (s)
12.00 **Westminster Programmes**
12.30 **Film '91 with Barry Norman** (r) (s)
1.00 **Motor Racing.** Murray Walker and James Hunt provide the commentary for the Australian Grand Prix from Adelaide
2.00 **Tennis.** The Volkswagen National Championships from Telford
5.15 **Rough Guide to the World's Journeys: Indonesia** (r)
6.05 **Dixon of Dock Green: Father-in-Law.** In the last of three repeats from the vintage police series, George Dixon's lot is not a happy one as his daughter gets married. Starring Jack Warner (r)
6.35 **The Money Programme: Inflated Claims?** Will inflation rise from the ashes of the recession?
7.15 **The Birth of Europe: Coal, Blood and Iron.** How British industrialisation spread across the coalfields of Europe, bringing prosperity and social problems. (Ceefax) (s)
8.10 **Madness: In Two Minds.**

● CHOICE: Dr Jonathan Miller concludes an often enlightening series with a disappointingly confusing programme on schizophrenia and attitudes to madness. *About half-way through* we discover that schizophrenia is not what most of us think it is. Increasingly it is being used as a catch-all term to describe a whole host of mental conditions. Miller ponders the validity of this usage, but seems more interested in whether we should label people as insane at all. Are we merely, as author Kate Millett suggests, pigeon-holing and controlling anti-social members of the *population? There is some thought-provoking film of patients* ostensibly acting normally because they have been treated normally, but it doesn't add up to much if we don't know how mad these people were in the first place. Miller touches on all sorts of interesting ideas — madness as congenital, madness as *circumstantial — but for viewers used to his knowing best, it is* disconcerting to see him ultimately baffled by his subject. (Ceefax)

9.10 **Did You See . . . ?** Jeremy Paxman and guests review *Top of the Pops, Madness* and *The Gravy Train Goes East*



Mysterious art: unconventional tributes to Mozart (9.40pm)

9.40 **Not Mozart: M is for Man, Music, Mozart**

● CHOICE: The first of five round-about tributes to Mozart from contemporary composers and film-makers has director Peter Greenaway providing extraordinary images to music by the Dutch composer Louis Andriessen. Performers include a nude dancer, *Ben Craft, and wailing jazz singer Astrid Seriese. If you've seen Prospero's Books*, don't bother with this pale imitation. If you haven't, then the advanced video techniques and academic visual references make this worth a peep. The problem is that it does seem pretentious. Whereas *Prospero's Books* had Shakespeare's speeches and the plot of *The Tempest* to keep it in check, *this film* has merely "the mysteries of the central letter of the alphabet, M". *Frankly the letter M has never troubled me before*, but after all the nose-picking, buttock-slapping, anatomical horseplay and gum-swabbing favoured in this M-barrassing programme, I think it might start to . . . (s)

10.10 **Little England: The Beach Hut.** Margaret Orbell's beach hut in Walberswick, Suffolk, is a home from home. (Ceefax)
10.20 **Motor Racing.** Highlights of the Australian Grand Prix
10.55 **Film: Casual Sex?** (1988). A new season of *films by women* directors begins with the first showing on network television of this *satirical comedy about two women looking for more than just a* holiday romance. Starring Lea Thompson and Victoria Jackson. Directed by Genevieve Robert (s)
12.25am **Rapido** presented by Antoine de Caunes (r). Ends at **1.00**

ITV

6.00 **TV-am**
9.25 **Disney Club.** Andrea Boardman, John Eccleston and Paul Handy present children's entertainment, with Disney cartoons, music and features. The Brighton Bottle Orchestra gives a smashing music lesson: there is a visit to Biosphere, a huge glass structure in the American desert; and music from the Osmond Brothers
10.45 **Link.** *Tom Lannon reports on Fablevision, a mixed ability theatre* company based in Glasgow. With signing and subtitles
11.00 **Morning Worship** from the Church of St Aidan, Grangetown in Sunderland
12.00 **The Human Factor: Monarch for a Week.** Ted Harrison reports *on the week in the life of the Lord High Commissioner*, a distinguished Scot who, for one week every year, is given the full authority and status of the Queen. (Oracle)
12.30 **LWT News Weekend** with Anna Maria Ashe and Ed Boyle
1.00 **News** with Sue Carpenter. Weather
1.10 ***Special Inquiry: The Underclass.*** *Following the recent wave of* riots in British cities, Donald MacCormick and guests, including Brian Gould, shadow environment secretary, and John Patten, Home Office minister, discuss what action Britain should now be taking to avoid violence on a par with the United States (s)
2.15 ***Magic Moments of Rugby World Cup.*** *Frank Bough reviews the* 32 matches that made up the 1991 finals
3.00 **Film: Kidnapped** (1971). Sprawling adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's romantic adventure about a young boy (Lawrence Douglas), who is cheated out of his rightful inheritance and, with *the help of rebel Alan Breck (Michael Caine), fights for its* restoration. With Donald Pleasence. Directed by Delbert Mann
5.00 **Bullseye.** Jim Bowen hosts the darts and general knowledge game (s)
5.30 **Dinosaurs: The Mighty Megalosaurus.** Muppet-style American *series about the Sinclairs, a dinosaur family* (s)
6.00 **Animal Country.** In the first programme of a new nature series, Desmond Morris and Sarah Kennedy travel around Norfolk and Suffolk in search of animal life (s)
6.30 **News** with Sue Carpenter. Weather **6.35 LWT News** and weather
6.40 **Highway.** *Sir Harry Secombe is joined by the actor Brian Blessed* as he journeys along the River Waveney in Suffolk. (Oracle)
7.15 **Beadle's About.** Practical joker Jeremy Beadle pounces on unsuspecting members of the British public
7.45 **The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Murder Being Once Done.** *The final episode of the three-part mystery.* A despondent Inspector Wexford (George Baker) receives his first clue
8.45 **London's Burning.** *Drama with the Blackwall firefighters as two* youths break into a dockland marina. Starring Andrew Kazamia
9.45 **News** with Sue Carpenter. Weather **10.00 LWT Weather**
10.05 **Hale and Pace.** Comic duo Gareth Hale and Norman Pace with the last in the series (s)



A dramatic tale to tell: playwright John Osborne (10.35pm)

10.35 **The South Bank Show: John Osborne.** Melvyn Bragg meets the playwright John Osborne who, in 1956, transformed British theatre overnight with *Look Back in Anger.* Aged 61, *he has just published* his second volume of autobiography, *Almost a Gentleman*, which *recounts his turbulent years* with the Royal Court Theatre. Followed by **The Day**
11.40 **Cue the Music.** The first part of a concert by the British group the Art of Noise, who perform songs from their *Invisible Silence* album. Part two is at 1.50am (s)
12.05am **Film: The Virgin and the Gypsy** (1970). Earthy drama adapted from a short novel by D.H. Lawrence. A clergyman's daughter (Joanna Shimkus), *stifled by her family's strict moral* code, escapes into the arms of a local gypsy (Franco Nero). Directed by Christopher Miles
1.50 **Cue the Music.** Second part of the Art of Noise concert (s)
2.25 **Schimanski: The Pot.** German police drama
4.10 **Police Precinct: The Messenger.** French police drama
5.00 **Pick of the Week** (r)
5.30 **ITN Morning News** with Phil Roman. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 **Trans World Sport** (r) **7.00 Eureka's Castle.** Entertainment for *under-fives* **7.30 Alfred J. Kwak.** *Adventures with the musical* duck **8.00 Starstreet.** The adventures of the zodiac characters **8.30 Kelly.** The cunning police dog in another adventure **8.55 New Kids on the Block — On Tour.** Cartoon adventures with the pop group
9.25 **The Sword of Tipu Sultan.** *Historical Indian drama. In Hindustani* with English subtitles
10.00 **A Week in Politics — Second Reading.** Includes a discussion about the legislative programme outlined in the Queen's speech
10.45 **Dennis.** Cartoon fun with the mischievous boy and his friends
11.10 **Round the Bend.** Video comic with editor *Doc Croc and his* puppet staff. The guest is Tony Robinson
11.30 ***The Lone Ranger:*** **Death in the Forest** (b/w). The masked avenger rescues the governor from his treacherous aide
12.00 **Little House on the Prairie: Mr Edward's Homecoming.** American family drama series, set in 1880s Kansas
1.00 **Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea: The Shape of Doom.** Classic underwater adventure, starring Richard Basehart. A giant whale swallows a nuclear bomb
2.00 **Film: Harriet Craig** (1950, b/w). A remake of the 1930s film *Craig's Wife*, starring Joan Crawford as a domineering woman, who holds her richly appointed house above all else. Directed by Vincent Sherman
3.45 **The Quitter.** Anti-smoking cartoon
3.55 **Burning Books.** A review of the week's new books
4.25 **Answering Back.** Mary Goldring talks to Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman of both Reuters and Courtaulds
4.55 **News Summary** and weather
5.00 **Family Pride.** Asian drama series (s)
5.30 **The Storyteller: Hens My Hedgehog.** The actor John Hurt, assisted by *Muppets* creator Jim Henson, narrates today's fairy-tale about a farmer's wife (Maggie Wilkinson), who gives birth to a *half-boy, half-hedgehog* (r). (Teletext)
6.00 **Press Gang: At Last a Dragon.** The eve of the editor's cocktail party does not pass without mishap. (Teletext)
6.30 **The Cosby Show: Isn't It Romantic?** American comedy series, starring Bill Cosby. The men in the Huxtable clan prove to Theo (Malcolm Jamal Warner) *that marriage and romance do mix*



Fertile ground: Abbey Rockefeller cultivates tomatoes (7.00pm)

7.00 **Equinox: Human Waste**

● CHOICE: An intriguing and thorough programme investigating *the drawbacks of the conventional sewage system, invented by* the Victorians, and the feasibility of new approaches. Our "flush and forget" approach is, when you come to think about it, excessively wasteful. More than that, it is positively dangerous. The toxic chemical sludge that is the end product of the sewage system is now being recognised as a substance which cannot be safely disposed of — by land or by sea. Abby Rockefeller is an *ardent campaigner against the flush loo and has installed a dry* toilet which turns her urine and faeces into fertiliser for her tomatoes. Few of us are as committed, but if the first world won't give up its flushing toilets, the third world does not have the luxury of choice. In central Nicaragua where water is scarce and residents have been used to latrines, "composting toilets" may be the answer. Also discussed in the programme are compact, plumbing-free "bioloos" and a rather *beautiful new treatment plant that uses* fish and plants to process ordinary sewage. (Teletext)

8.00 **Last Train to Medicine Hat: West to Vancouver.** Murray Sayle rides the train through the majestic Rockies on the final leg of his journey across Canada (r). (Teletext)
8.30 **American Football.** Houston Oilers v Washington Redskins
10.00 **Film: The Bad and the Beautiful** (1952, b/w). The *Rebels with a Cause* season continues with a multi-award-winning melodrama from the stable of producer John Houseman and director Vincente *Minnelli. Kirk Douglas stars as an ambitious Hollywood producer*, whose victims include star Lana Turner, studio boss Walter Pidgeon, writer Dick Powell and director Barry Sullivan
12.10am **The Lion's Den/La Boca Del Lobo** (1988). A thought-provoking indictment of military repression in Peru. With English subtitles. Directed by Francisco Jose Lombardo. Ends at **2.15**

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30pm Goals Galore

BORDER
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 5.00 Scotsport 5.00-6.30 Bullseye 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Quiz Night 1.00 Murphy's Law 1.55 Film: Massacre in Rome 3.50 Pick of the Week 4.20 ITV Chart Show 5.10-5.30 Jobs

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30pm Gardening Time 5.00-6.30 The Spectacular World of *Guinness Records* 11.35 *Prisoner* Cell Block H 12.30am Film. Days of Wine and Roses 2.40 ITV Chart Show 3.40 Canadian *Documentaries 4.05 The Concert 5.00* Jobs

GRAMPIAN
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Jack Thompson Down Under 3.00 Coronation Street 4.00 Animal Country 4.30 Bullseye 5.00 Scotsport 6.00-6.30 Scotland's Larder 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Quiz Night 1.00 Murphy's Law 1.55 Film. Massacre in Rome 3.50 Pick of the Week 4.20 ITV Chart Show 5.10 Jobs

GRANADA
As London except: 12.25pm Granada Tha Week 12.50-1.00 Asp Kaa Hak 5.30-6.30 Coronation Street 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Quiz Night 1.00 Murphy's Law 1.55 Film. Massacre in Rome 3.50 Pick of the Week 4.20 ITV Chart Show 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.30pm West Country Farming 12.55-1.00 HTV News 3.00-6.00 Film: Houdini

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.30pm Climb to Kilimanjaro 12.55-1.00 HTV News

SCOTTISH
As London except: 10.45am Glen Michael's Cartoon Cavalcade 11.15 Link 11.30-12.00 Let's Rejoice 12.30pm-1.00 Right or Wrong 3.00 Film: It Happened Tomorrow 4.30 Bullseye 5.00 Scotsport 6.00-6.30 Scotland's War 11.35 McCloud 12.55am Sprockets 1.25 Quiz Night 1.55 The ITV Chart Show 2.55 Video View 3.25 Pick of the Week 3.55 Kojak 4.50-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW
As London except: 12.30pm TSW Farming Week 12.55-1.00 TSW News 5.30-6.00 Dr Seuss on the Loose 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Quiz Night 1.00 Murphy's Law 1.55 Film: Massacre in Rome 3.50 Pick of the Week 4.20 The ITV Chart Show 5.10-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Agenda 11.35-12.05 The Human Factor

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 Windsurf 2.15 The Back Page 2.45 Film: Turn the Key Softly 4.15-5.00 Rugby World Cup 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Quiz Night 1.00 Murphy's Law 1.55 Film: Massacre in Rome 3.50 Pick of the Week 4.20 The ITV Chart Show 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.25pm Goals on Sunday 12.50-1.00 Calendar 5.00 Dinosaurs 5.30 Animal Country 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 11.35 Scrumdown 12.35am Pick of the Week 1.05 The Munsters Today 1.30 ITV Chart Show 2.30 Film: Roman Follies 4.15 Love American Style 4.30-5.30 Jobs

S4C
Starts: 5.20am 4 Tal on View 9.30 If Wishes Were Horses 10.00 A Week in Politics — Second Reading 10.45 A Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea 11.45 Dennis 12.00 Little House on the Prairie 12.55pm Now You're Talking 1 1.25 Now You're Talking 2 1.45 Bwrw Mlaen 2.15 San Steffan 2.35 Equinox 3.35 Film: Bonnie Scotland 5.00 The Golden Girls 5.30 Pobol Y Cwm 7.05 Newyddion 7.10 Seith Ar Y Sul 7.25 Bwrw'r Sul 8.10 *Hal Straeon Sais Amrhau Canu, Dechrau* Canmol 9.10 Aneet 1 10.10 Ffiniau 10.35 American Football '91-92 12.05am Racing

RTE 1
Starts: 10.35am Deutsch Direkt! 11.00 Viaje Al Espanol 11.15 Sunday Mass 12.00 The Human Jigsaw 12.25pm Trading Places 12.50 Marketplace 1.20 Crusade in the Pacific 1.50 News followed by Little House on the Prairie 3.15 Bootlines 3.45 The *Nature of Things 4.05 Bugs Bunny 4.15* Film: Hell on Frisco Bay 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One Sunday 6.30 Scaoil Amach an Bobaillin 7.00 The Wonder Years 7.25 School Around the Corner 8.00 Where in the World 8.3 Glenroe 9.00 News 9.20 An Eye on the Music 10.15 Rich Tea and Sympathy 11.10 My Life and Times 11.40 Late News

NETWORK 2
Starts: 9.55am Sesame Street 11.00 David *the Gnome 11.30 The Best Box 1.30pm* Head to Toe 2.00 Maestro 3.00 Festival 5.25 John Alcock's New York 5.56 Fair City 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Northern Exposure 8.00 Carrolls RTE Proms 9.05 My Brother Tom 10.00 Sports Special 10.50 Twilight Zone

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Bailey's Bird 6.30 Castaway 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Hour of Power 12.00 That's Incredible 1.00pm The New Adventures of Wonder Woman 2.00 All American Wrestling 3.00 Eight is Enough 4.00 The Love Boat 5.00 Hey Dad 5.30 Hart to Hart 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Ike 10.00 Falcon Crest 11.00 Entertainment Tonight 12.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Daytime 10.30 Those Were the Days 11.00 Daytime 11.30 Holiday Destinations 12.30pm Financial Times Business Weekly 1.30 Target 2.30 Roving Report 3.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Roving Report 7.30 Financial Times Business Weekly6.30 Target 10.30 Roving Report 11.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 12.30am Target 1.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 Holiday Destinations 4.30 Health Circuit

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
8.00 Her Alibi (1989): Romantic comedy starring Tom Selleck and Paulina Porizkova
10.00 Star Wars (1977). Intergalactic adventure starring Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford and Carrie Fisher
12.00 Not Just Another Affair (1982) Romantic comedy about a young professional woman, trying to find the perfect man. Starring Victoria Principal and Gil Gerard
2.00pm The Invisible Kid (1988). A teenage boy discovers that his late father's formula for invisibility actually works
4.00 The Death of the Incredible Hulk (1990) The Hulk (Lou Ferrigno) searches for a cure
6.00 Teen Wolf Too (1987): Comedy about a boy who must come to terms with his family's lycanthropic heritage Starring Michael J Fox
7.40 Projector
9.00 Driving Miss Daisy (1989): Adaptation of Alfred Uhry's Pulitzer Prize-winning play Starring Jessica Tandy, Dan Ackroyd and Morgan Freeman
10.00 Penn and Teller Get Killed (1990): First feature film for the comedy and magic duo Penn and Teller
11.35 Modern Girls (1986): Three young *women go visiting nightspots in the early* hours of the morning
1.00am Inferno (1978): Tale of the supernatural starring Leigh McCloskey, Irene Miracle
2.45 Alphabet City (1984): Thriller about a drug baron who decides to abandon his life of crime
4.15 Odd Jobs (1986): Four enterprising teenagers form a crazy house-moving company. Ends 5.30

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
10am You Can't Have Everything (1937): Musical comedy about the trials and tribulations of a young female playwrighter *whose drama will only work when staged as* a musical
8.00 Young Winston (1972): Richard Attenborough's account of Winston Churchill's early years
10.40 Waterloo (1971): Historical epic tracing Napoleon's course from Elba to Waterloo
1.00pm The Way We Were (1973): Tale of romance starring Barbra Streisand and Robert Redford
3.00 Dark Command (1940): Western starring Walter Pidgeon and John Wayne
4.35 Sunday Afternoon Blockbuster: Vice Versa (1988): A father and son find that their minds have switched bodies
6.30 Lassie Come Home (1943). Canine adventure
8.15 Cousins (1989): Romantic comedy dealing with infidelity, starring Ted Danson *and Isabella Rossellini*
10.15 The Big Man (1990): Contemporary thriller set in Glasgow, starring Liam Neeson
12.15am *High Desert Kill (1990): The* adventures of three men on a hunting expedition in New Mexico
1.50 Aria (1988): Collection of eight short stories by acclaimed directors Ends 3.15

THE COMEDY CHANNEL
● Via the Astra satellite.
4.00pm I'll Take Sweden 6.00 Car 54, Where are you? 6.30 The Monkees 7.00 In Living Colour 7.30 The Goodies 8.00 Carry on Laughing 8.30 The Comedy Company 9.30 The Sunday Comics 10.30 Moonlighting 11.30 The Burns and Allen Show

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.30 Aerobics 7.00 Fishing the West 7.30 National Tennis Championship 9.30 Assignment Adventure 10.30 Red Line 11.30 WWF Primetime Wrestling 1.00pm Italian League Football 3.30 National Tennis Championships 6.00. British Rugby League 8.00 Scottish League Football 10.00 Italian League Football 12.00 British Rugby League 2.00am Tennis Championships

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am Trans World Sport 9.00 Euro Fun Magazine 9.30 Darts World Championships Holland 10.30 Car Racing 11.30 Track Action Magazine 12.00 Boxing 1.00pm Sunday Alive 7.00 Motorcycling Beach Racing 8.30 Cycling 9.00 Tennis Paris Open Final 11.00 Boxing

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
12.30am Gillette World Sport Special 1.00 Indy Car 2.00 Rugby World Cup 3.00 Rugby World Cup '91 4.00 Argentina Soccer 5.00 Truckspeed '91 6.00 Volvo PGA European Tour 7.00 Supercross 8.00 Pilots 8.30 Horse Sport 9.00 US Grand Prix Show Jumping 10.00 American College Football 12.00 Match-room Pro Box Live 2.00pm Rugby World Cup '91 3.00 Sport de France 3.30 Bathurst 1991 - The Great Race 5.30 Revs 6.00 Dutch Open Bowling Masters 7.00 Winter Sports-cast-Olympics '92 7.30 Basketball challenge 8.30 Gillette World Sport Special 9.00 Live *US PGA Tour 1991* 11.00 *British Open* 10 Pin Bowling 11.30 NBA Basketball

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Annie Oakley 12.30pm The Smother Brothers 1.00pm White Shadow 1.55 Power Hits USA 2.50 Spain Spain International Cuisine 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 The Great American Gameshow 5.30 Green Homes 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather; News Headlines
7.00 *Morning Concert:* Purcell (Sonata in D: Philharmonia under Christopher Warren-Green, *John Wallace*, trumpet); Tye (In Nomine "Crye". Fretwork); Wesley (Symphony No 5 in E flat. Milton Keynes Chamber Orchestra under Hilary Davan Wetton)
7.30 News
7.35 *Morning Concert (cont):* Mathias (Processional Crispian Steele-Perkins, trumpet, Stephen Cleobury, organ); Tallis (Six Tunes for Archbishop Parker's Psalter Tallis Scholars under Peter Phillips); Britten (Courtly Dances, Glorana. London Symphony Orchestra under Steuart Bedford); Tippett (Five *Negro Spirituals, A Child of* Our Time: Christ Church Cathedral Choir under Stephen Darlington); Vaughan Williams (Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis: Sinfonia of London under John Barbirolli)
8.30 News
8.35 Mozart Masses with Martin Hazelböck, organ (3 of 7)
9.05 Moura Lympany: Prokofiev *(Piano Concerto No 3 in C, Op* 26. Philharmonia under Nikolai Malko); Rachmaninov (Prelude in D, Op 23 No 4; Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor: Philharmonia under Walter Susskind)
10.15 Music Weekly with Peter Paul Nash
11.00 A Dutch Retrospect The Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Amsterdam under Wolfgang Sawallisch with Murray Perahia, piano, performs Beethoven (Overture, Fidelio, Op 72; Piano Concerto No 4 in G, Op 58, Symphony No 6 in F, Op 68, Pastoral)
12.45pm Table Talk in New Mexico Leslie Forbes meets the chilli queen of salsa
1.00 News
1.05 Your Concert Choice Malcolm Arnold (A Grand, Grand *Overture*: Morley College Symphony Orchestra under Lawrence Leonard) Paganini *(Terzetto for violin, cello and* guitar: Alan Loveday, Amaryllis Fleming, John Williams). Haydn Miserei mei, miserá patna, HXXIVa7: Handel and Haydn Society under Christopher Hogwood, Arleen Auger, soprano). Handel (Organ concerto , Op 7 No 3: *Amsterdam* Baroque Orchestra, Ton Koopman, organ); Boito (Mefistofele, *prologue. Atlanta* Symphony Orchestra and Chorus under Robert Shaw; Morehouse-Spelman Chorus; Young Singers of Callanwolde. John Check, bass)
2.30 Mozart and Dvořák Piano Quartets: Schubert Ensemble *of London performs Mozart* (Piano Quartet No 1 in G minor, K 478); Dvořák (Piano *Quartet No 2 in E flat, Op 87)*
3.35 Poet of the Month: Douglas Dunn, author of Elegies, talks to Clive Wilmer
3.55 Northern Sinfonia with Jean-Bernard *Pommier, piano* performs Mendelssohn; Schumann; Fauré; (r)
5.15 *Opera News with James* Naughtie
6.00 The House of the Mind A personal view of spiritual experience, recorded in Coventry Cathedral
7.00 Beethoven: The Italian String Trio performs Trio in G, Op 9 No 1
7.30 Sunday Play

● CHOICE: The wind that *blows non-stop throughout* John Tydeman's 1971 production of Strindberg's cruel play (translated by Max Faber) lessens its claustrophobic impact. It creates the impression that this power struggle between a weak husband (Trevor Howard) and his virago wife (Penny Ashcroft) is taking place on a blasted heath and not within the airless confines of a loveless marriage. So *vividly does Howard convey* the disintegration of the husband's brain after his wife plants in it the grub of doubt about who fathered his daughter, that we almost hear the grey matter being chewed up (r)

9.00 The Prokofiev Centenary: London Symphony Orchestra and Chorus under Mstislav Rostropovich with Tamara Smyavskaya, mezzo-soprano; Sergei Leferkus, baritone, Gegan Gregorian, tenor, performs Prokofiev (Seven, They Are Seven, Op 30), (Ivan *the Terrible*)
11.00 Ronald Smith, piano performs Schubert; Chopin; Liszt, Paganini (r)
12.00-12.05am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM.**
5.55am *Shipping Forecast* **6.00** News: Incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Prelude (s)
6.30 News, Morning Has Broken (s) **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm **7.40** Sunday, Incl **7.55** Weather **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers **8.50** The Week's Good Cause **8.55** Weather
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Morning Service From Mons, Belgium (s)
10.15 The Archers
11.15 News Stand: A review of the *current crop of magazines and* periodicals presented by Anne Spackman (s)
11.30 *Pick of the Week* with Chris Serle (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: This week's castaway is historian and peace campaigner E.P. Thompson (s)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55** *Shipping Forecast*
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Clay Jones and experts answer queries from the Wenscombe and District Horticultural Society in Avon
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: By Grand Central Station I Sat Down and Wept. Elizabeth Smart's classic story of a woman's obsessive feelings for a *married man, once described* as a "masterpiece of poetic prose". Starring Maureen O'Brien (s)
3.30 The Radio Programme with Laurie Taylor (s)
4.00 News; Analysis: Learning Curves. Peter Hennessy assesses the implications of Britain's plans to double student numbers by the year 2000 (r)
4.45 Time for Verse: Argentinian poet Carlos Suarez reads at the Galway Festival (s)
5.00 News, Down Your Way Balloonist and writer Anthony Smith journeys along a Roman road, Stane Street, which stretches from Chichester to London
5.40 First Person A first-time broadcaster relates an *unusual experience. Wilfred* Taylor reminisces on his spell in prison in the South Seas (r)
5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News
6.15 The Village Nigel Farrell presents a series reflecting on *the life of Bentley, a small rural* community in Hampshire (r)
6.30 Europhile Stephen Jessel presents the European news magazine (r)
7.00 The Root of the Matter Reports on matters of vital importance from Britain's towns, villages and cities Presented by Janet Cohen
7.30 Bookshelf Actress and writer *Vanessa Redgrave discusses* the books that have influenced her: writers talk about the pains of rejection at the hands of the publishers (r)
8.00 A Hack in the Borders Dylan Winter journeys on foot and horseback down the English-Welsh border (s) (r)
8.30 Enterprise 91 Hugh Sykes introduces the last two businesses *competing for the* Radio Times/Radio 4 Enterprise 91 Awards. He meets three brothers from the Midlands who have entered their Quantum hi car, and visits Philippe Delcloque whose three pancake restaurants have become a roaring success in the North West (s)
9.00 The Natural History Programme (r)
9.30 Special Assignment BBC correspondents report on one of the main topics in this week's news (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes The Red-Headed League Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous detective investigates another curious case
11.00 In Committee Review of the work of Parliament's Select Committees
11.30 Seeds of Faith Words and *music for Sunday evening*
12.00 News Incl **12.20am** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 7.00am The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops 2.30 Phillip Schofield Going Live 4.30 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00 John Peel 2.00-4.00am Neale James (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4/00am The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Don Maclean says Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Richard Baker Melodies for You 11.00 Desmond Carrington 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Richard Tauber A Golden Voice. A Generous Heart 4.00 They Called Me Al 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Charlie Chester with Sunday Soapbox 7.00 Black Magic7.45 A Musical Pot Pourri 8.30 Sunday Half Hour Roger Royle introduces today's programme from the Parish Church, Fairlie, Ayrshire 9.00 Alan Keith Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme Berlin to Broadway Sheridan Morley examines the life and career of composer Kurt Weil 12.05am Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the 50s 1.00 Alan Dedicoat presents Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 2.00pm. 6.00 World Service: Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian Reports 7.00 24 Hours 7.30 Sunday Edition 9.00 This Family Business with Johnnie Walker 10.30 Education Matters 11.00 Business on the Move 11.30 The Day Before Yesterday 12.05pm Ring a Winner 1.40 Open University 2.00 Music Mix 5.00 Trainers 5.30 Black Museum 6.00 Talking Poetry 6.30 Great Expectations 7.00 Sports Bulletin 7.15 Euromix 8.00 Paso Doble 8.30 France Extra! 9.00 Deutsch Direkt! 9.30 Dragnet 10.00 Sports Bulletin 10.10 Across the Line 12.00 News and Sport 12.10am Close

WORLD SERVICE

All times GMT. 4.30am

TV franchise loser seeks first review of decision

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

TELEVISION South West yesterday became the first of the franchise losers to seek judicial review of the Independent Television Commission's decision last month to award its licence to a rival company.

The TSW board decided unanimously to challenge the ruling after its senior executives met George Russell, the ITC chairman, and David Glencross, the chief executive, on Thursday and failed to obtain what they considered adequate explanation for the commission's decision.

TSW, which will submit to the High Court next week its application for judicial review, lost its licence despite meeting the ITC's quality requirements and submitting the highest cash bid. The Plymouth-based company bid £16.1 million, while its rival Westcountry Television bid £7.8 million. The ITC, however, said that its business plans could not sustain the programme service over ten years.

Harry Turner, TSW managing director, said yesterday: "We were completely baffled by the ITC's decision. We do not think natural justice has been served. We were not able to learn in any detail why the ITC believes we cannot sustain our service. Ours is a just cause, and we will pursue it with the utmost vigour. We believe we have a very strong chance of winning."

After the franchise announcement Mr Turner had said: "We played by the rules, and the goalposts were moved. I've sold airtime for 28 years and I've been second-guessed by a bunch of amateurs."

The ITC refused to comment on TSW's decision. Westcountry said it would reserve comment until the precise reasons for TSW's action became clear. Mr Turner was unable to say on what grounds TSW would fight its case. It must prove that the ITC acted unlawfully, unreasonably or outside its statutory remit. Even if it succeeds in its challenge, the courts are not empowered to overturn the ITC decision, only ask it to reconsider.

Industry sources expect TSW to challenge on the basis of inconsistency in decision-making. Tyne Tees and Yorkshire regained their licences despite submitting high cash bids which, in terms of proportion of advertising revenue, were only marginally lower than TSW's.

TVS Entertainment, the South-East ITV company which lost its franchise after submitting the highest bid of £59.8 million, is still consulting its lawyers about mounting a judicial challenge, as are several other losers, such as Richard Branson's CPV-TV and Phil Redmond's North West Television.

TVS, which lost to Meridian's £36.5 million bid, refused to comment yesterday, but a spokesman for North West, which failed to oust Granada despite bidding about £26 million more, said a decision on judicial review would be taken within two weeks. CPV-TV said it was seriously considering legal action and would decide within ten days.

North West, which met the ITC this week to discuss the decision, said it too was baffled by the reasons it was given for failing the quality threshold.

Last week the ITC said it was confident that it could withstand judicial review, "area by area, decision by decision", but it was worried that the process would be "disruptive and a waste of valuable time".

TONY WHITE



Blooms in view: Baden Lock, secretary of the Chrysanthemum Society, making a close inspection of some of the 5,000 flowers on display at the annual show in Westminster

Heseltine exempts students

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election could be hit by a "reverse Ribble Valley factor", a reference to the way the poll tax saw a 20,000 Tory majority overturned in the Lancashire by-election.

The new concession on students will mean that anyone studying full time will pay nothing provided they live in halls of residence, hostels or student digs. Those living alone would also be exempted.

Students living at home or with non-students would be exempted from paying their personal element of the tax, equivalent to 25 per cent of the tax bill for each household.

The bill confirms that single people living alone will qualify for a 25 per cent discounts.

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Heseltine's albatross, page 14

£1m in bets riding on rugby battle

By TIM JONES

BY teatime today some 2.5 tons of prime English and Australian beef, watched by an estimated worldwide television audience of 100 million people, will have settled at HQ (known otherwise as Twickenham) the Great War between the Southern and Northern hemispheres.

Much more than blood and honour is at stake. According to bookmakers, £1m in bets is riding on the Rugby World Cup final, for which £30 tickets are being sold for £750.

In Britain, 14 million people are expected to watch on television, and there will be live transmission to Bermuda, Saudi Arabia, Dubai and dozens of other countries.

The two prime ministers, John Major and Bob Hawke, have a personal bet which involves the winning team signing the match ball to be passed to the losing captain. But in spite of its growing popularity, rugby still has some way to go. Last year's soccer World Cup final, between West Germany and Argentina, was watched by an estimated television audience of 400 million. More than 500 million were said to have watched the Wimbledon tennis finals on television.

As kick-off approaches, other gamblers appear to be sacrificing patriotism for pragmatism by betting heavily on Australia. When it comes to money, they do not think England's sweet chariots will be swift enough to carry the home team home.

The betting industry estimates that £15m will have been wagered on the series. This compares with about £10m for the soccer World Cup final, though it is still a long way from the £40m bet on the Grand National. With four-figure bets still pouring in, Hills have made Australia the hot favourites at 3-1 on, with England at 11-5 outsiders. Brave or foolhardy punters who think England will win by more than 20 points are being offered 25-1.

Apart from overnight rain, which is expected to make the ground soggy, England have other advantages. So few Australian fans know the words of their national anthem, *Advance Australia Fair*, that fans are being supplied with 20,000 songsheets.

● The prime minister said yesterday he had some sympathy with England players left out of pocket. "I can understand the frustration," he said, "of people who are very high class rugby union players who say 'if I was equally good at soccer or snooker, or even darts, I would have a very high standard of living.' " But he would not wish to see rugby union become an amateur sport.

Player's plea on cash

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looking forward to the welcome we know we will get ... And we are determined to get pleasure out of the occasion. The pressure is off us compared with the quarter- and semi-finals. We are altogether more relaxed in the knowledge that we have reached the big day. There is no question of our being satisfied just to have got to the final. We are desperately keen to win. We want to perform better than we have done in the last two rounds and I believe we will do that.

☐ *Interview by Peter Bills*

Gigantic is chosen for top trophy

IVOR Mace, of Treorchy, has won the best exhibit trophy at the National Chrysanthemum Society show which opened yesterday (Alan Toogood writes). He included the copper-coloured Gigantic and coloured sports in his entry of 18 large exhibition blooms.

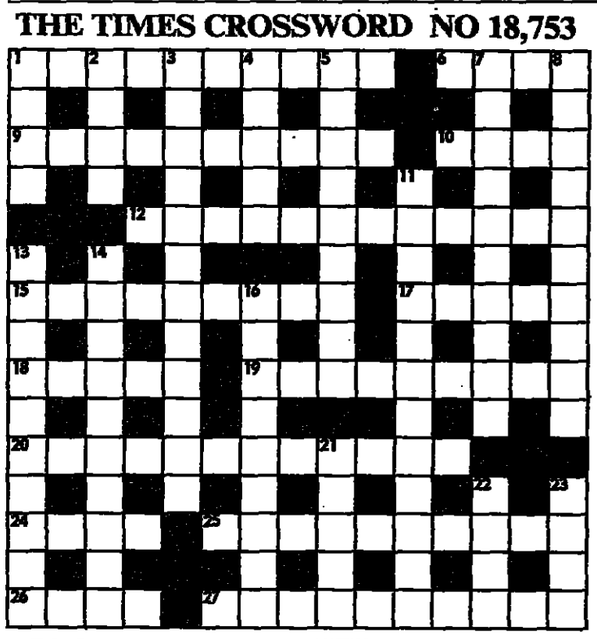
L.M. Beane, of Norwich, won the title for medium exhibition cultivars, while W. Croft of Bassingham is champion for late-flowering reflexed and intermediate and late-flowering incurved cultivars went to J.C. Hobbs, of Morriston.

M. Lewis, of Paulton, and A Munday of Woodley took singles titles, and J. Hildreth of Prestwood the spray award.

The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Westminster, is open today 10am-4pm.

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,753



ACROSS

1 Studies unauthorised publication of plot (10).
6 Over from a spinner (4).
9 Fats Waller treated for cataracts (10).
10 But she was not "The Bohemian Girl" (4).
12 Member not yet named to take seat in the Lords, for example (7,5).
15 It's boiling over, but Nellie is doing the cooking! (9).
17 Old English chariot race? (5).
18 Sign of severe cold? Here's some topping stuff (5).
19 Standard chart features a short passage (9).
20 Short race, paradoxically (5-7).
24 Claw hammer (4).
25 Struggled with Scandinavian currency in this old racket (10).
26 Novel predicament, not using Mendelssohn's fourth (The Italian) (4).
27 Hitler's living-room in the original style (10).

DOWN

1 Hood is lower on top of limousine (4).
2 Record mark (4).
3 In his study, did he claim to be a headmaster? (12).
4 Condemn the joint! (5).
5 His piece is valuable as an alternative to prayer (9).
7 Effectively having one extra side, subsequently, in Test? (10).
8 Reward action in boxing-match (5-5).
11 Suddenly produce places for putting young cabbage-leaves (6,6).
13 Bursting open in garden, heed scenic design (10).
14 It holds the house together (10).
16 Activity of sleeper, perhaps, under cover? (9).
21 Chemical can returned to engineers (5).
22 Artist supporting party given by Mrs Copperfield (4).
23 The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,747

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Solution to Puzzle No 18,752

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WORD WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions are correct?

By Philip Howard

SAETER
a. First-year student at UCL
b. A cobbler's needle
c. An upland meadow

CRUCIAN
a. A cross-bearing chorister
b. German carp without barbels
c. An early heretic

STORNELLO
a. A summer tornado
b. Musical direction for stormily
c. A three-lined verse form

CHACMA
a. A boarding house mother
b. A gambling game with dice
c. A large South African baboon

Answers on page 17

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N Ireland 727

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Concise crossword, page 17

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: C M Morris, Homewood Ave, Cuffley, Herts; D Gibson, St Peter's Steps, Brixham: J Mellett, Margaret Crescent, Bodmin, Cornwall; M T Mardon, Ardross House, Ardross, Ross-shire; H Roberts, Pond Road, London SE3.

WEATHER

Sheltered eastern and central areas will have a dry, bright start, but showers and clear intervals in most western and northern districts will extend to all parts during the morning. Some showers will be heavy, with some thunder in the North. Heavier rain will move into central and eastern England during the evening and overnight. Outlook: unsettled with further blustery showers or longer periods of rain.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	19	66	s	Majorca	20	68	c
Alcrotrl	24	75	f	Malaga	19	66	s
Alex'dria	26	79	f	Malta	20	68	f
Algiers	23	73	s	Melb'rne	14	57	s
Amst'dm	12	54	c	Mexico C*	12	54	s
Athens	13	55	f	Miami*	27	81	s
Bahrain	29	84	s	Milan	9	48	s
Bangkok	31	88	s	Montreal*	7	45	r
Barbados*	29	82	s	Moscow	-6	21	s
Barcelna	18	64	f	Munich	3	37	c
Beirut	25	77	s	Nairobi	27	81	f
Belgrade	7	45	s	Naples	16	61	s
Berlin	5	41	s	N Delhi	27	81	s
Bermuda*	22	72	f	N York*	14	57	c
Biarritz	23	73	s	Nice	16	61	s
Borde'x	20	68	s	Oslo	4	39	r
Brussels	14	57	s	Paris	16	61	s
Budapst	6	43	s	Peking	15	59	s
B Aires*	20	68	f	Perth	18	64	c
Cairo	28	82	s	Prague	5	41	s
Cape Tn	27	81	s	Reykjavik	3	37	c
Chicago*	9	48	c	Rhodes	18	64	f
Ch'church	21	70	c	Rio de J	25	77	f
Cologne	7	45	r	Rome	16	61	s
C'phagn	5	41	f	Salzburg	5	41	s
Corfu	17	63	f	S F'risco*	14	57	s
Dublin	13	55	r	Santiago*	22	72	s
Faro	20	68	s	S Paulo*	20	68	c
Florence	12	54	s	Seoul	18	61	r
Frankfurt	5	41	s	Sing'por	31	88	t
Funchal	22	72	f	St'kholm	6	43	r
Geneva	8	46	c	Strasb'rg	10	50	r
Gibraltar	19	66	f	Sydney	15	59	r
Helsinki	6	43	c	Tangier	21	70	s
Innsbrck	10	50	s	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Istanbul	11	52	f	Tenerife	24	75	s
Jeddah	33	91	s	Tokyo	15	59	r
Jo'burg*	27	81	f	Toronto*	9	48	c
L Palmas	24	75	s	Tunis	21	70	f
Le Touet	14	57	s	Valencia	19	66	f
Lisbon	18	64	c	Venc'ver*	5	41	r
Locarno	8	46	c	Venice	10	50	s
London	16	61	c	Vienna	6	43	s
L Angels*	19	66	s	Warsaw	-1	30	c
Luxembg	6	43	c	Wash'ton*	19	66	s
Luxor	33	91	s	Wel'ton	15	59	c
Madrid	17	63	s	Zurich	8	43	c

* denotes figures are latest available

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Douglas, Isle of Man, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Douglas, Isle of Man, 2.21 in; highest sunshine: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 1.5 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.29 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

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	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max. C	Max. F	
Aberdeen	-	1.38	10	50	rain
Anglesey	-	1.13	12	54	rain
Belfast	1.1	1.37	10	50	rain
Birmingham	-	0.16	13	55	rain
Bognor Regis	-	-	14	57	cloudy
Bournemouth	-	0.06	15	59	rain
Bristol	-	0.24	15	59	rain
Cardiff	-	0.65	14	57	rain
Clacton	0.4	0.02	11	52	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	-	0.88	13	55	rain
Cromer	-	0.01	11	52	rain
Douglas	-	2.21	8	46	rain
Eastbourne	-	-	14	57	dull
Edinburgh	-	0.28	11	52	rain
Jersey	-	0.04	14	57	rain
Leeds	-	0.17	12	54	rain
Lerwick	-	0.07	9	48	rain
Scilly Isles	-	0.93	13	55	rain
Shanklin	-	0.01	14	57	cloudy
Stornoway	0.7	0.10	11	52	rain
Teignmouth	-	0.70	15	59	rain
Tenby	-	1.27	12	54	rain
Tiree	1.5	1.07	10	50	shower
Wick	-	0.27	11	52	rain
Worthing	-	-	14	57	cloudy

Thursday's figures are latest available

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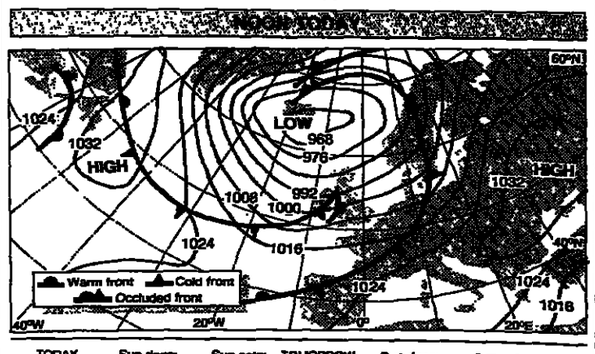
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TODAY'S RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.27	2.12
Austria Sch	21.50	20.00
Belgium Fr	62.65	58.65
Canada $	2.065	1.915
Denmark Kr	11.79	11.04
Finland Mkk	7.45	7.00
France Fr	10.38	9.88
Germany Dm	3.035	2.885
Greece Dr	347.00	322.00
Hong Kong $	14.00	13.00
Ireland Pt	1.135	1.065
Italy Lira	2280.00	2130.00
Japan Yen	243.50	225.50
Netherlands Gld	3.42	3.20
Norway Kr	11.96	11.16
Portugal Esc	261.00	243.00
South Africa Rd	5.00	4.40
Spain Pta	190.00	177.00
Sweden Kr	11.13	10.39
Switzerland Fr	2.66	2.49
Turkey Lira	8700.00	7900.00
USA $	1.835	1.71
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

NOON TODAY



TODAY — Sun rises: 6.55 am; Sun sets: 4.33 pm; Moon rises: 2.06 am; Moon sets: 2.32 pm; New moon November 6

TOMORROW — Sun rises: 6.57 am; Sun sets: 4.31 pm; Moon rises: 3.27 am; Moon sets: 2.49 pm; New moon November 6

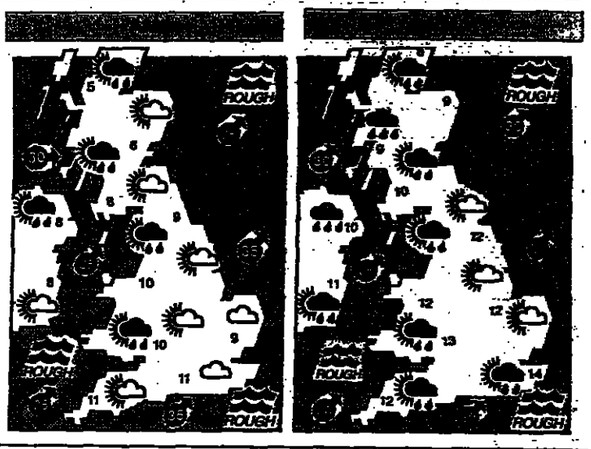
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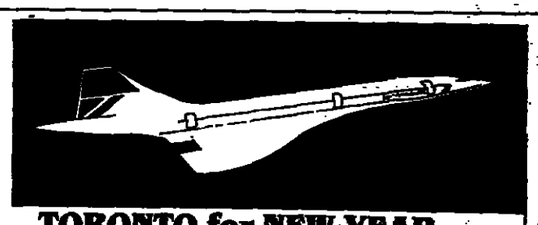
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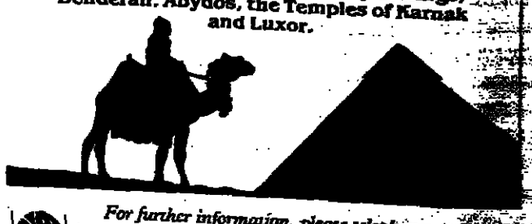
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MONEY

Coal bill

On the first day of parliamentary business after the Queen's speech, the government laid a bill that doubled the amount of state money available to the coal industry for restructuring and redundancy costs. The present grant of £1.5 billion is likely to reach its limit in the next financial year. The doubling implies further large job losses and brought charges from the Labour party that the move contemplated denial by the government of a "catastrophic" rundown of coal production ..... Page 22



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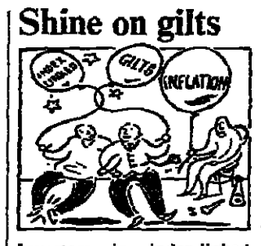
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Attwoods, the waste company in the throes of an £80 million cash call, has confirmed it is under investigation by America's defence department ..... Page 22

Fax of life

Now it is possible to make a telephone call, photocopy and send a fax, all from the same credit card driven public box ..... Page 22

Shine on gilts



Investors in index-linked gilts have had little to cheer about recently, but that could change. The trend towards lower interest rates over the next decade could lead to profits in fixed-interest securities. Index-linked gilts help protect investors from the ravages of inflation because capital and interest are both guaranteed to outpace inflation ..... Page 29

WEEK ENDING
Matthew Bond

A man all for seasons

I think it was one of the wiser Kennedys who said that when your boot boy starts buying shares it is time to sell the portfolio. What, I wonder, would he consider it was time for when the Chancellor of the day seizes on "seasonally adjusted optimism" as the economy's key indicator.

Never before has something quite so intangible been grasped quite so firmly as the CBI's business confidence survey was this week by Norman Lamont. The CBI's acknowledgement that perhaps the survey did contain the first "flickering signs" of recovery was not enough for a Chancellor with a Mansion House speech still to write. Treasury officials were urgently dispatched to calculate when it was that business leaders had last felt so confident.

Back came the somewhat inconvenient answer of 1988, a year that most members of the present government would prefer to forget. So the Treasury boffins were dispatched again, this time to find out when opinion among Britain's business community had swung round so sharply. "Oh, and while you're at it," instructed Mr Lamont, "don't



forget those little seasonal factors. People always feel fed up once the clocks go back. Let's have a little more sunshine, Wimbledon, that sort of thing."

And so the concept of seasonally adjusted optimism was born. Mr Lamont's computers duly confirmed this had not risen as sharply for 17 years, presumably round about the time business leaders last bought shares from their boot boy.

Nevertheless, the City clearly likes the idea. For while Marks and Spencer was forced this week to report its first fall in interim profits for ten years (perhaps it should have seasonally adjusted them) it did highlight a modest increase in pre-tax confidence. By contrast, ICI reported a quarterly increase in pre-tax profits but admitted that its latest balance sheet revealed dwindling reserves of hope. ICI advisers are hoping to rectify the problem by an issue of promissory notes that simply promise the bearer that things will get better one day. The Treasury is apparently considering underwriting the issue.

The London stock market lapped up the new indicator, but then it is keen on anything that convinces it that the recovery it has been anticipating for months might actually arrive one day. But it also received a boost from John Redwood, the corporate affairs minister, who, under pressure from Brussels, ruled that the Stock Exchange has no right to a monopoly in price-sensitive company information. From January 1, this information must be shared with other news agencies, although information will still have to be issued simultaneously.

But what has really got the traders excited is that this modest reform could be a prelude to a return to full-blooded competition for price-sensitive information. A return to the heady days before Big Bang, when it was who, what and when you knew that made you money rather than an ability to juggle two telephones and a computer keyboard. The days when a nod from the man in dark glasses was worth millions and a well-timed wink could herald a move to the home counties.

Now, where did I leave that pair of white socks?

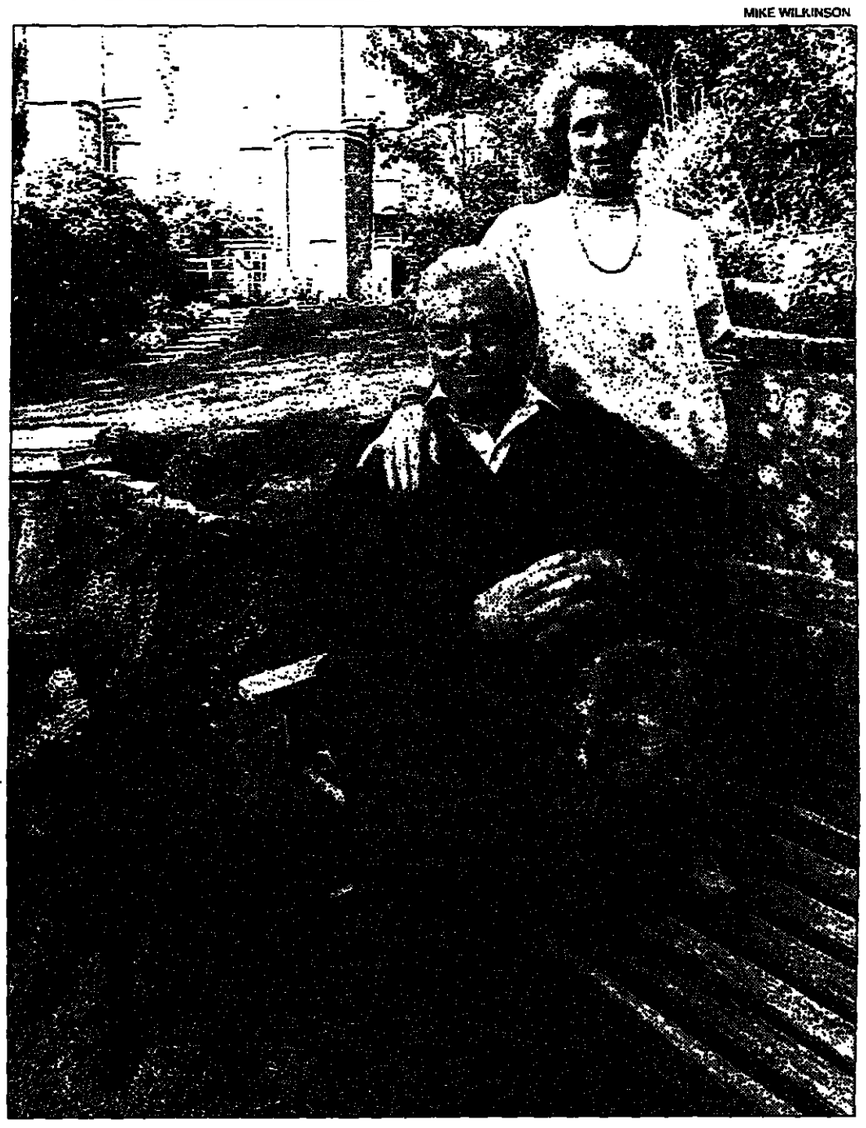
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BUSINESS PROFILE: Alick Rankin

Inheritor of the fighting spirit

The chairman of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries is a sporting man, as **Gillian Bowditch** finds out

MIKE WILKINSON



Outdoor life: Alick Rankin with Suzetta, his wife, and their two dogs in Edinburgh

Alick Rankin, chairman of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, relishes a fight. It does not matter whether it is a hostile takeover bid, a good argument or a sporting contest, he has the Scottish propensity to do battle. One of his ancestors ordered the massacre of Glencoe.

Rankin may be a cleaner fighter than the first Earl of Stair, but he is no small skirmisher. Take him on and you are taking on a warrior of some experience, as John Elliott, of Elders, discovered when he bid for S&N in 1988. "I did enjoy it," Rankin says of that tussle. "It's never been quite such fun since."

He describes himself as a slightly awkward character. "My first reaction when someone asks me to do something is 'why should I do that?' I suppose I am aggressive. I can be quite pugnacious when the situation calls for it and I'm definitely a bit selfish."

Like all the best warriors he is an able leader and inspires loyalty. Tim Lewis, a former marketing director of S&N, says: "He has a strong personality and considerable leadership abilities. He's a tough man but he is not insensitive. He can be a bit obstinate and argumentative but there is a lot of kindness in him. Some of the things he has had to do as a leader of S&N have been very painful for him but he has not flinched from doing them. He has the courage to get rid of people who are not pulling their weight."

Robert Dickinson, senior partner in Dickinson Dees, the firm of solicitors, and a friend of Rankin's from university, agrees. "He can inspire other people. He's not particularly clever but he is hard working and determined. He is very ambitious, keen to excel and that comes through in his love of sport. He is an excellent shot and he certainly comes out fighting. He's the sort of man I would go tiger shooting with."

Rankin is one of the few men with whom one really might go big game shooting. He shot and killed a grizzly bear after a 72-hour hunt in Alaska. He is sorry now. "I wish I hadn't. It was very beautiful and it shouldn't have been killed but the hunt was the most demanding and exciting thing."

Strong and daring personalities run in the family. His grandfather, Sir Reginald Rankin, was a traveller and big game hunter who avoided being frozen in the Andes, shot the largest snow leopard on record in India and searched for the giant sloth in Chile.

Rankin's father, Niall, was an ornithologist, writer and wildlife film maker who loved the remote parts of the world and who died among the bushmen of the Kalahari desert. "He brought back unbelievable things, some of which I can't describe," Rankin says. "Biological bits and pieces."

Rankin inherited his father's love of the outdoors. Suzetta, his wife, says he is at his happiest fishing, shooting or simply walking the hills. His father was away for most of his early life and he was brought up by his mother, who was a woman of the bedchamber to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Rankin was born in London, in 1935. The family home was bombed in 1941, and his mother took Alick and Ian, his brother, to Scotland. They lived off the west coast on the Treshnish Isles, which his father had bought in the Forties. "Childhood was fun and we enjoyed it," he says. At eight, he was sent to Ludgrove Preparatory School, Prince William's prep school, and then to Eton, where he excelled at games but was mediocre academically.

"Eton was a great spoiling opportunity. You made friends for life and it taught you to stand on your own two feet. Eton made it easier to join the army. You'd been brutalised by the system before."

> *'I suppose I am aggressive. I can be quite pugnacious when the situation calls for it and I'm definitely a bit selfish'*

The army did not appeal and, despite a family history of military careers, Rankin did not stay on beyond his national service. Of the army he says: "It was the worst form of brutal treatment you could imagine. It was a real nightmare and really rough, mental and physical sadism."

University did not suit him much better. He went to Christ Church, Oxford, and was sent down after a year, for failing all his exams. He had spent his year socialising, playing cricket and developing a taste for alcohol. "I was thoroughly irresponsible. I think if my children adopted the attitude I did I would find it very upsetting."

His next move was to Canada. He worked for Wood Gundy & Co, the Toronto investment bank, for nearly four years. During that time, he married his first wife, Susan Dewhirst, whom he had known since he was 19. They have three daughters and a son but divorced in 1976. He married Suzetta the same year.

On his return from Canada, at 24, he took a job with S&N and has been with the company ever since. His first job was managing a series of violent pubs in Glasgow. "We had about a murder a month," Rankin says. "But it was a very friendly city. You can't not like Glaswegians."

He was made a junior director in 1965, when he was 30, and was given the wine and spirits side of the business to run when he was 34. Five year's later, he was on the main board.

Tim Lewis says it was always clear to him that Rankin would run the company. Rankin says: "Certain people who think they know me well would say I am an ambitious person but I never was. I never thought about where I would end up. My progress was respectable. It wasn't flashy."

When S&N introduced management aptitude testing, Rankin, as chief executive, agreed to sit the test. An embarrassed consultant told Rankin his test raised the question of how he had ever got the job and, more importantly, how he had kept it.

Rankin says he was slightly horrified when he became chief executive and had huge self-doubts but they soon disappeared. "I had a team of people with whom I enjoyed working. They probably bit their lips on occasion over my autocracy and bloodymindedness, but they were very happy days. We decided we would go out and do battle. We had been tucked away licking our wounds for some years."

The group had one or two notable battles, particularly with Matthew Brown, the Lancashire brewer, which S&N finally acquired, and with the monopolies commission, to which S&N was referred four times in nine years. Then came the big one, the £1.6 billion bid by Elders for S&N.

"I always felt confident," Rankin says. "I liked meeting John Elliott. He was always lively and interesting, but he was a typical bully and used to getting his own way. I was lucky enough to be the one who shouted the odds and fired the shots, but we were a belligerent lot. It's a Scottish characteristic."

The Australians were sent packing and Rankin made a point of warning any other potential predator that S&N, with him at the helm, would be an uncomfortable morsel to swallow.

Since relinquishing executive responsibility at S&N — he remains non-executive chairman — he has taken other directorships, including the chairmanship of Scottish Financial Enterprise. He is a director of the Bank of Scotland and Christian Salvesen.

Suzetta says: "He enjoys meeting people, he needs the mental stimulation. He's a very warm person and has a lot of charm. When he gets an idea about something, he's like a terrier with a bone. He loves being outdoors but take him to Covent Garden and he is a bit baffled. Culture is low on his list of priorities, but I'm working on it."

Although he enjoys the company of politicians, he has never had any political aspirations. S&N gives money to the Conservative party but Rankin says that is simply a management decision. Although passionate about Scotland, he is not a supporter of devolution. "I'm not one of the wild, kilted brigade who believes everything which is said or done in London is an insult to Scotland."

He describes himself as an emotional person and Suzetta says sporting achievements or heroics move him deeply. "A number of people have seen me having a good cry, which I don't particularly enjoy, but it's not the end of the world," he says.

"I'm not a very practical person. I'm absolutely pathetically hopeless at technical issues, fuses and what's under the bonnet of the car. There are many deficiencies in having me around. I'm not very sure what I contribute in a way."

Mystery buyer scales the Empire State

From PHILIP ROBINSON
IN NEW YORK

THE Empire State Building, New York's famous landmark that won a supporting role in the film *King Kong*, is set to be sold to the family of an Irishman who fled the potato famine and started a multi-million dollar American business by chartering ships to trade bird dung from Peru.

Wealthy businessmen from Europe, Asia and America have placed their bids for the property, put up for sale five months ago by The Prudential Insurance Company of America, its owner, and expected to be sold for $40 million.

The winning bid, however, is understood to have been made by an unidentified member of the Grace family, which founded and still runs WR Grace, a $6 billion conglomerate with interests in specialist chemicals, health care and oil exploration, employing about 50,000 and which moved its headquarters from New York to Florida two months ago.

A condition of the sale is understood to be that the buyer's name is never disclosed. The Prudential said yesterday: "We have put the building up for sale as part of the normal property portfolio management, but I can make no further comment than that."

A Grace spokesman said: "I spoke with Mr J. Peter Grace, our



chairman and chief executive, this morning and he said he was not the buyer. We have already made it clear that the company is not interested. But they do have rather a large family."

The family firm has been run for more than half a century by the $2 million-a-year J. Peter Grace, 78-year-old grandson of the founder with an economics degree from Yale and an obsession with time.

He wears a watch on each wrist (one set to New York time, the other to the local hour) and carries a gun tucked under his belt following threats from Latin American terrorists.

For $40 million, the new owners of the Empire State get only the land beside Fifth Avenue and the limestone and granite covering the 1,454-ft building that was built for $25 million.

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Employees resign after Amex enquiry

American Express, the charge card and travel company, says an internal review has alleged that several employees falsified records in an attempt to cover up mounting losses at the Optima credit card operation, which cost $265 million to put right. The bill pushed Amex into its first loss.

A spokesman said six employees have either been dismissed or have resigned. Three regulatory authorities, including the Securities and Exchange Commission, have been informed. Amex started the probe in September after it was discovered default payments on its Optima card were running at $155 million of which $24 million had not been accurately reported.

Limit raised

Small businesses with a turnover of less than £15,000 are to be allowed to make three-line statements of their income instead of a detailed return. The limit is to be raised from £10,000 on April 6 next year.

TDS progress

TDS Circuits cut its pre-tax loss from £1.22 million to £595,000 in the six months to end-August. The loss per share was reduced from 15.17p to 8.28p. Once again, there is no interim dividend. Turnover declined from £3.41 million to £2.93 million.

Upton losses

Taxable losses at Upton & Southern Holdings grew from £734,000 to £798,000 in the 28 weeks to August 10. The loss per share was 8.58p (8.09p).

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7485 (+0.0105)

German mark
2.9060 (–0.0029)

Exchange index
90.8 (same)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
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FT-SE 100
2549.5 (–16.5)

New York Dow Jones
3056.35 (–12.75)*

Tokyo Nikkei Avge
25044.24 (–178.04)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Hammerson	660p (+11p)
Reuters	975p (+13p)
Honda Motor	665p (+9p)
News Corp	650p (+24p)
Harvey & Thompson	204p (+24p)
Sothebys	750p (+25p)
J Sainsbury	347p (+12p)
Citicorp	662p (+12p)
Hardys & Hansons	1263p (+28p)
Murray Enter	68p (+21p)
TDK	2300p (+31p)

FALLS:

Rothmans 'B'	1115p (–11p)
Reckitt & Colman	677p (–13p)
ICI	1254p (–17p)
Elec Data Process	244p (–9p)
NYNEX	4450p (–37p)
Eurotunnel Units	417p (–11p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base 10½%
3-month interbank 10⅛-10⅛%
3-month eligible bills: 10 3/32-10%
US: Prime Rate 8%
Federal Funds 5%*
3-month Treasury Bills 4.75-4.74%*
30-year bonds: 102 25/32-102 27/32*

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London forex market close

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RETAIL PRICES

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* Denotes midday trading price

THE SUNDAY TIMES

"It has been a bad autumn for Richard Branson. His broadcasting ambitions fell apart after all three of his bids to win an ITV franchise failed at the quality threshold. Now critics are saying his airline is under threat from an unprecedented fares war..."

Business — The Sunday Times tomorrow

New coal bill points to extensive job losses

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government yesterday introduced legislation sharply increasing the money available to British Coal to finance redundancy payments in a move that implies further big job losses in the industry.

Labour party leaders immediately said the bill, brought forward by John Wakeham, the energy secretary, countermanded Mr Wakeham's denials of a "catastrophic" rundown of the coal industry before privatisation.

The coal industry bill, laid before parliament on its first day after the Queen's speech, doubles the government money available to the coal industry that can be paid for restructuring and redundancy costs.

The current grant of £1.5 billion is likely to reach its limit during the next financial year, according to the energy department. To allow for grants to continue to be paid, the bill extends the grant time limit from March 1993 to March 1996, and raises the grant limit to £2.5 billion, with the option of increasing it to £3 billion without having to return to parliament.

Mr Wakeham said the current grant had been extensively used to finance British Coal's large job cuts since the 1984-5 miners' strike. Since the strike, manpower has fallen from 220,000 to 68,000.

Though the size of the new provision gives BC the widest possible room to manouevre in its coal contract talks with the electricity generating companies, its scale reinforces the belief that BC is to make further big job cuts as part of the reduction in costs that the new contracts will demand.

Government officials insisted that the size of the grant provision could not be translated directly into figures for job losses. Mr Wakeham said that any job losses were a matter for BC, but acknowledged that the cost reductions required by a new contract with the generators would make further job losses likely.

However, the grant provision will increase pressure on the government to clarify its intentions towards coal after the leaking of an interim report from NM Rothschild, the merchant bank advising the government on the privatisation of the industry, which was interpreted as raising the possibility that all but 14 of BC's pits would be closed.

Frank Dobson, Labour's energy spokesman, said the increase in the grant "would finance all the job losses predicted in the Rothschild report, which envisaged 33,000 redundancies in 1993-94." He said the bill meant "privatisation, here we go".

The bill's second provision is likely to embarrass the government. The bill repeals a range of legislation, but principally the Coal Mines Regulation Act 1908, which regulates hours worked by miners. Mr Wakeham said this enabling measure would only be enacted if or when the EC directive on working time was introduced. But ministers have made clear their intention to oppose to the full the introduction of the directive, which Michael Howard, the employment secretary — a co-sponsor of the new bill — says will cost British business an extra £5 billion.

Prowting hit by tough conditions

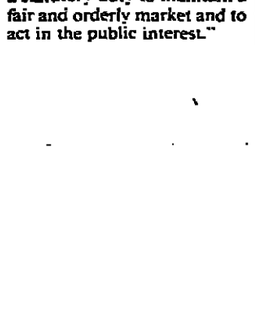
By PHILIP PANGALOS

PROWTING, the house-builder whose operations cover southern England, suffered a 40 per cent decline in first-half profits, reflecting "extremely tough" conditions in the housing market in southern England. Pre-tax profits fell from £5.03 million to £3.01 million in the six months to end-August on turnover down from £23.3 million to £19 million.

Terry Roydon, the chief executive, said conditions remained "very depressed" with a low volume of activity and continued margin pressure. Margins fell to 25 per cent in the first half, from 29 per cent.

Mr Roydon said: "Nothing happened in January and February while the Gulf war was on." He said that, in spite of mortgage rate cuts, "things bumped along the bottom during the summer and they have not picked up yet". He added: "We have a very strong land bank and we're trying to hold it through the recession."

Interest costs were slightly lower at £1.75 million (£1.82 million) with borrowings at £30.3 million (£26.9 million). The interim dividend is maintained at 1.7p, although earnings per share fell from 4.7p to 2.7p. The shares were unchanged at 176p.



Roydon: margin pressure

Torday forecast attacked

THE bid battle between Dowding & Mills, the mechanical repair group, and its target, Torday & Carlisle, has intensified.

Torday yesterday forecast a pre-tax loss for the year to end-December of £110,000 after exceptional redundancy and severance costs of £684,000. But operating profits at the engineer and sign maker are forecast to reach £1 million in the second half from £300,000 in the first. A final 3p dividend has also been forecast, making 4.5p (7p) for the year.

Dowding responded by claiming shareholders would be "shocked" by the news of "the very significant loss for 1991 and another dividend cut". Torday rejected the criticism, pointing out that Dowding had unveiled a sharp drop in profits for the last financial year when it launched the bid. Dowding, which has bid £13.6 million, holds 6 per cent of its target but received only 0.04 per cent acceptances at the first closing date. It is offering seven of its shares for every five Torday shares held.

Clyde staff plan buyout



Leading player: John Mather, deputy chairman, is spearheading the privatisation

Authority aims to go private

By KERRY GILL

THE Clyde Port Authority, which administers more than 450 square miles covering the Clyde, its estuary and sea lochs, has launched privatisation proposals under the Ports Act 1991. The authority's net assets at the end of last year, in which it made £2.2 million pre-tax profits, totalled £15.1 million.

Clyde shipyards built the Queen Mary, the Queen Elizabeth and the QE2 for Cunard, before falling into decline. The privatisation plans come 20 years after 6,000 employees of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders staged a work-in after the government refused to give £6 million to cover losses.

John Mather, the deputy chairman and managing director, announced that he would head a management/employee bid for the company which employs about 300 people. The successful bidder will have to satisfy various conditions relating to the development of the port, the safeguarding of the local economy and keeping its everyday management and control within the west of Scotland. The authority would not necessarily recommend sale to the highest bidder. Potential bidders have until November 29 to register their interest.

The prosperity of Glasgow, once known as the second city of the Empire, was built of the Clyde. In 1870, the Cutty Sark was launched at Dumbarton and six years later three-quarters of Britain's merchant ships were powered by the steam engines invented by Scottish engineers.

Up to the first world war nearly one in five of the world's ships were built on the Clyde. The post-war slump led to thousands of shipyard workers losing their jobs, and it was only the threat of the second world war that saw a resurgence of employment.

By the Sixties the Clyde, which had concentrated on the production of passenger ships, was suffering because of the increased popularity of air travel. The Labour government formed Upper Clyde Shipbuilders and ploughed millions into it but the Heath government baulked at the drain on resources and withdrew support. Today, what remains of shipbuilding on the river is in private hands.

Enquiries cloud £80m rights issue

Attwoods details extent of US investigations

By MARTIN BARROW

ATTWOODS, the waste management company, has confirmed it is under investigation by America's defence department, casting further doubts on the success of its troubled £80 million rights issue.

In addition, investigations are being carried out by the US Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the attorney general's office in Maryland.

Attwoods, which details the legal proceedings in the document outlining the rights issue particulars, has played down the importance of each investigation. Exposure to litigation was described as "an unavoidable risk of any business involved in the effective and environmentally safe collection and disposal of waste", particularly in America.

But the threat of costly settlements may further deter investors from supporting the deeply discounted rights issue, particularly in Britain. Almost two thirds of Attwoods' shares are held in North America, including a 27 per cent stake held by Laidlaw of Canada.

Attwoods shares yesterday rose 4p to 124p, against the rights issue price of 100p and a pre-rights issue price of 171p.

Ken Foreman, chairman and chief executive, said the companies were co-operating fully with the various authorities but Attwoods was unable to predict the outcome of the enquiries.

The most serious case involves a truck driver working for Industrial Waste Services, an Attwoods subsidiary, who is alleged to have falsified dump tickets delivered to a government defence contractor, leading to an investigation by the defence department. The contractor is also disputing charges over an extended period.

Attwoods said that although the truck driver has admitted falsifying the dump tickets for personal gain, the company faces fines of up to $1 million for each fraudulent invoice. Its legal counsel has advised such large fines are unlikely.

A second incident involves employees of Eastern, another American subsidiary, who allegedly charged customers for services not provided and increased the amount of certain invoices. After an internal enquiry Attwoods reimbursed $70,000 to customers but the incident is being investigated by the FBI and the US attorney's office, which could result in further fines.

Eastern is involved in an anti-trust investigation in the state of Maryland, which has requested documents concerning its operations, bidding and competitive practices. It is believed the investigation arises from a competitor's claim that Eastern undercharged on certain contracts.

Attwoods is also awaiting the outcome of an appeal by officers of Industrial Waste Services found liable for injuries sustained by an employee, who was awarded damages of $3.64 million. The defendants have a right to indemnity from Industrial Waste Services, whose insurer at the time of the accident is now insolvent.

Shareholders must approve the rights issue and an undertaking by Laidlaw to sub-underwrite one-third of the issue at an extraordinary meeting, to be held on November 21 at the company's headquarters in Fulmer, Buckinghamshire.



Foreman: co-operating

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Grampian's offer for Macarthy fails

SHAREHOLDERS of Macarthy, the retailer and drugs manufacturer, have opted to await the outcome of a monopolies commission inquiry into bids by Lloyds Chemists and UniChem for their company, shunning a rival all-share offer by Grampian Holdings.

Grampian, the Scottish conglomerate, said it had received acceptances for just 10.9 per cent of Macarthy's ordinary shares by yesterday's 1pm deadline. Ian Parsons, chief executive of Macarthy, said: "We are, of course, delighted with the outcome." The comfortable victory had been expected following a decision by John Govett & Co, the fund manager and Macarthy's largest single institutional shareholder, to reject the bid in respect of its 18.3 per cent stake. Grampian's increased and final offer was of 147 new shares for every 100 of Macarthy's.

B&B sells homes

THE Bradford & Bingley Building Society has found buyers for 500 of its 2,000 repossessed properties under its discount mortgage scheme for the houses and flats.

The seventh-largest society has received 23,000 enquiries about the properties being sold through GA Property Services. Under the scheme, announced in late September, buyers are guaranteed a mortgage rate of 6.99 per cent until October 1993. Some sales are already complete, although most of the buyers are waiting to find out if their mortgage applications will be successful. The society had originally intended to close the scheme at the end of the year but now plans to extend it to March.

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Fitzwilton profits fall

FITZWILTON, the Irish cash and carry and motor group with extensive interests in Britain, was affected by the recession in the six months to end-June. Pre-tax profits fell from Ir£4.76 million (£4.35 million) to Ir£1.51 million, on turnover of Ir£237.8 million, against Ir£188 million. The interim dividend is held at Ir1.5p, declared out of net earnings of Ir0.87p.

The company, headed by Tony O'Reilly, says trading remains tough, though a gradual recovery is expected next year. Fitzwilton, Britain's sixth largest carry and carry operation and the 20th largest car dealer, says it has been invited to open several Nissan dealerships in the Midlands. The company owns 29.9 per cent of Waterford Wedgwood.

Anglo American sells

ANGLO American Corporation, the South African mining group, yesterday put out for tender 45 million of the 54 million shares it holds in Gencor, a fellow South African mining house, and 2 million shares in First National Bank (formerly Barclays Bank).

The tender for Anglo's shareholdings, which will raise about R700 million (£143 million) for the group, was made among South African institutions. Anglo's capital spending plans for the next three years are conservatively estimated at more than R6 billion.

BDA passes dividend

BDA Holdings, the Southeast housebuilder and developer, has again passed payment of an interim dividend, saying that the outlook in the residential and commercial property remains uncertain.

The company returned to the black with pre-tax profits of £7,000 in the six months to end-July (£1.6 million loss). Earnings were 0.04p a share (17.62p loss) and operating losses were £24,000 (£1.56 million loss) on turnover of £1.14 million (£3.05 million). Brian Duker, chairman, said that residential property prices continued to fall.

250,000 building jobs likely to go

By OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN's construction industry is likely to lose up to 250,000 jobs by the end of next year as bankruptcies continue at an "horrendous" rate, according to employers.

While the rate of decline in output in the construction industry has eased slightly over the last three months, according to the Building Employers' Confederation, confidence remains depressed. The latest "state of trade" inquiries from the confederation, which represents main building companies, tentatively point to the fall in the industry's output stopping at some time in the middle of 1992.

John Smith, the confederation chairman, said: "Unfortunately this will not save those firms currently clinging on by their fingertips."

The survey of 600 firms showed that one in five was working at less than half normal capacity and that a sharp fall in total output of 8-10 per cent now seemed likely this year.

United Airlines slumps 76%

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

ANALYSTS have forecast that management at United Airlines needs to make tough decisions after its 76 per cent slump in third-quarter profits. Stephen Wolf, United chairman, blamed the recession and fierce competition particularly from airlines operating in bankruptcy.

Analysts blamed runaway costs and said United must lower its breakeven point to remain competitive. Operating costs rose 11 per cent over the quarter and the breakeven passenger load factor increased to 70.5 per cent compared with 67.3 per cent a year ago — meaning United had to fill more seats to be profitable.

Candace Browning, analyst at Merrill Lynch, the stockbroker, said the airline needed to consider salaries, which were climbing 14 per cent, and commissions paid to travel agents, which were up 27 per cent in the three months between July and September, traditionally the most lucrative period.

The average fare on United had fallen and those of its main rivals, American Airlines and Delta, had increased, she said.

United has been fighting a price war on its home ground in Chicago against domestic competition and across the Atlantic since it began operating regular flights to Heathrow, London, this summer.

Third quarter net income of UAL, parent company of United, was $23 million ($106.1 million). Revenues rose nearly 9 per cent to $3.23 billion. UAL's nine-months losses fell to $79.3 million ($218 million net).

The falls were worse than most analysts expected, sending the shares down nearly $4 before a rally. They closed $1.875 down on Thursday at $132.875. Mr Wolf said: "Our poor third-quarter financial results reflect the continued sluggishness of the US economy and the pricing environment in the domestic arena."

Hong Kong SE reforms agreed

From LULU YU IN HONG KONG

HONG Kong's Stock Exchange and Securities and Futures Commission yesterday agreed to implement significant reforms to make the exchange more accountable to public interest.

The reforms, which give the exchange a non-profit status and make its ruling council more democratic, are part of the regulatory authorities' efforts to improve Hong Kong's image as a financial centre. The exchange had a reputation of operating as a "private club" before government-led reforms three years ago.

Government approval is expected soon and the reforms will take effect in time for the next exchange council meetings in December. The SFC and exchange said in a joint statement: "A central element in the revised voluntary package is legislation to restrict the use of proxies in council elections and to give the exchange a statutory duty to maintain a fair and orderly market and to act in the public interest."

Have public telephone, will fax

By NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE days when businessmen could find respite from the office fax machine at airports, railway stations and sports clubs may be over. Officials from such revenue-conscious organisations as airports, airlines, hotel chains, private hospitals and the law courts met in London this week for the launch of PhoneFax, the first phone, fax and photocopying public telephone to appear in Britain.

The device, which is the same size as a wall-mounted pay-phone, is the brainchild of UK Telecom, a new public limited company formed to make and jointly operate the boxes with an eye on the rapidly growing market in credit-card operated telecommunications and fax services. Grant Wilkinson, UK Telecom's managing director, said the company was in pursuit of a niche market that could comprise about 5,000 units in Britain.

"Nobody really wants to send a fax from anywhere other than their office or home but the fact is people do travel and need to send faxes," he said. The benefits of the product were numerous, he added. Because customers can send or receive faxes during a phone call, they can be sure the fax has been transmitted. Up to 20 pages of what Mr Wilkinson describes as "emergency photocopying" can be reproduced at a time.

Companies and organisations that install the boxes can vary the charges for photocopying and fax services to suit the site, although phone charges are in line with BT rates. A small display screen, which can be read at 30ft, guides customers through the services and when idle can be programmed to relay weather forecasts or show advertisements in various languages.

Companies that install the boxes will receive a share of the gross revenues, Mr Wilkinson said. In addition, he said that UK Telecom was in discussion with several potential partners and expected to announce the signing-up of two British hotel chains soon. The company is also in negotiations with The Netherlands national phone company and prospective partners in Italy and Spain.

The boxes, which work on both BT and Mercury lines, are being designed and made in Britain from parts supplied by Mitsubishi, BT, STC, Multidata, TDL, Rockwell and GPT.

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Rate cut likely in US as recovery falters

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

FURTHER signs of a slip in American economic recovery raised speculation in financial markets yesterday that the Federal Reserve might soon lower short-term interest rates to encourage borrowing by wary customers and lending by banks worried about the ability of potential clients to repay loans.

After a week of mixed news on the American economy, a Labour Department report showed that 140,000 people were laid off last month, bringing the number out of work to 8.6 million. The statistics showed that the unemployment rate rose one-tenth of percentage point to 6.8 per cent.

Meanwhile, the government's key forward-looking economic indicator for September fell for the first time in eight months, by 0.1 per cent after no change in August. The Commerce Department's index measures the country's expected economic activity in six months' time.

Lay-offs were especially high in manufacturing, construction and retailing. Janet Norwood, the commissioner of the Bureau of Labour Statistics, said this showed 'continued weakness in the demand for workers'. The reports were reminders that the poor recovery is President Bush's biggest potential political liability during a 1992 re-election campaign.

The Federal Reserve watches the national unemployment figures closely and in past months, disturbed by evidence of a weak recovery from last year's recession, has eased credit.

The Bush administration has been pressing the central bank for lower interest rates as officials have voiced concern that public unease over the economy could damage Mr Bush's chances of a second term. Many Wall Street economists expected the Fed not to cut the key discount rate until next week.

This week, the Fed raised hopes of lower short-term rates by appearing to allow the target federal funds rate, or the inter-bank lending rate, to drift down a quarter-point to 5 per cent. Many Fed analysts interpreted the move, which was unaccompanied by a formal decision, to mean that Alan Greenspan, the Fed chairman, would win support at a policy-making board meeting next week for more cuts in interest rates.

The Fed's move began to filter to the commercial lending sector yesterday when the Southwest Bank of St Louis, which often takes the initiative among large regional banks on interest rate changes, announced it would cut its prime lending rate on Monday to 7.75 per cent from 8 per cent.

Other big banks are expected to follow to reduce administration criticism that a reticence to lend is responsible for a 'credit-crunch' described as 'utterly unprecedented' by Mr Greenspan this week.



Greenspan: credit crunch

Decline disappoints market although interim dividend is raised

BT shares slide after profits drop to £785m

By MARTIN WALLER

BRITISH Telecom has disappointed the stock market with news of a £6 million reduction in pre-tax profits to £785 million for its second quarter to end-September, although the second-half figure was ahead from £1.53 billion to £1.61 billion.

The shares slid 15½p to 366½p. Analysts were concerned about prospects for the second half and at a fall in turnover in international calls, where price cuts have apparently done little to stimulate demand.

BT is raising the interim dividend from 5.25p to 5.7p, and the payment will be available to shareholders who buy into the forthcoming sale of half the government's remaining stake. "It certainly isn't a sweetener for the sale," Iain Vallance, the chairman, said.

Because of the forthcoming share sale, which starts with a pathfinder prospectus on November 13 and closes on December 4, BT is restricted over what it can say on prospects for the rest of the year.

Mr Vallance said competitive and regulatory pressures had increased, against a background of a subdued economic environment in Britain. Such factors, including tighter restraint on price rises, "will depress near-term prospects in the absence of any significant growth in turnover", he added.

Figures from the BT share information office show that 3.5 million people have registered for a prospectus for the share sale. The government is expected to raise about £5 billion by selling about half its existing stake, which represents just under half the equity.

The latest total excludes a million existing shareholders automatically registered with the share information office.

BT saw a 2.4 per cent rise in sales in the first half of its financial year, to £6.63 billion. In the second quarter, however, the rise was only 0.7 per cent, to £3.29 billion.

First-half earnings per share rose 3.9 per cent to 17.4p, but the second quarter showed a 2 per cent decline to 8.5p.

Mr Vallance said: "Notwithstanding the current environment, our cash flows have remained strong, our gearing has improved and we have therefore felt able to increase the interim dividend."

BT is in the middle of a major redundancy programme, aiming to lose 16,000 jobs over the next 18 months. Of these, 10,000 will go in the current financial year. The second-quarter figures show staff costs rising by only £10 million to £1.115 billion, while other operating costs were 4.8 per cent lower at £745 million.

Interest charges in the first half were cut by £50 million to £170 million, mainly because of strong positive cash flows over the preceding year.

The group defended its unpopular decision to charge for calls to directory enquiries, saying revenues from this source, starting in April this year, were "considerably less" than the revenues lost by the price cuts on telephone calls introduced at the same time.

Mr Vallance said there was no sign of an emergence from the recession in the second-quarter figures, and it was too early into the second half to draw any conclusions.

"As to what the future will bring, I dare say the Chancellor and others have access to more data than we have, and we hope he's right," he added.

Capital spending in the second half fell 11.5 per cent year-on-year to £1.175 billion. Mr Vallance said the economic downturn meant less investment in the cellular business, while international switches and the long-distance operations had not needed the same level of spending.

First-half revenues from inland telephone calls rose 2.5 per cent to £2.59 billion, but international call revenues were £7 million lower at £908 million. Inland call volumes fell in the second quarter as the economy slowed.

Mr Vallance hit out at "accounting mumbo jumbo" that suggested prices and rentals could be cut and profits held back while BT still made a return comparable with its international competitors.

"BT is regulated by prices not by rates of return," he said. "What matters to customers is the relative prices. There BT scores fairly well."

JAMES CALVERT-JONES



"Cash flows have remained strong": Iain Vallance, the BT chairman, yesterday

Vallance says 12.5% pay rise is compensation

IAIN Vallance rang an unusual change on the predictable attacks on his recently revealed 12.5 per cent salary increase by claiming he was entitled to the money, not least because of the criticism it sparked (Martin Waller writes).

He has already said the bonus element of his pay this year, potentially £225,000 against a straight salary of £450,000, will go to charity. He commended the American habit of referring to executive pay as a "compensation package".

He said: "In some ways, one gets compensated for being on the front page of the tabloids. It isn't something that other chairman in the UK have to suffer. This is a high profile job." Executives' pay was decided by a panel of non-executive directors, he added.

The BT figures prompted an equally expected furore over the level of profits earned. An immediate cut in telephone charges was demanded by MPs. Gordon Brown, the shadow industry secretary, called for an enquiry into BT's profits and prices as it appeared the privatised company had "a licence to print money" at the expense of the customer.

Mr Vallance responded: "BT isn't simply a money-spinning machine, where you can make money like shelling peas." Mr Brown said the latest profits were way ahead of those in other European and American telephone companies and unrelated to service improvements. He committed a Labour government to introducing legislation to cut prices where profits were "too high" and directors' pay rises excessive.

He added: "With huge profits and boardroom excesses, BT has become more and more like a licence to print money at the expense of its millions of customers, with Britain's local call charges among the highest in Europe and BT still demanding rising rental and connection charges."

Mr Vallance said domestic tariffs were about the same as in North America and a lot less than in New York, while international charges were among the cheapest in the world.

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Strike threat at Co-op Bank

By OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

A STRIKE is looming at the Co-op Bank, whose customers include the Trades Union Congress, because the Banking Insurance and Finance Union is challenging the management's attempts to introduce performance-related pay.

The outcome of the dispute could have widespread implications throughout the banking industry.

Bifu has ballotted members in the Co-op cheque clearing centre in London's East End on a one-day strike. The closure of this department could bring the bank to a standstill.

The dispute stems from the Co-op's attempt to introduce performance-related pay as part of a settlement. The bank is offering staff £300 each as compensation for accepting the change, which would mean future pay rises would be geared towards the profitability of the bank and individual performance.

Bifu rejected the offer last month. The Co-op has since written to its 4,000 employees offering them the package and says it has acceptances from more than 90 per cent. Bifu in turn complains that the Co-op has coerced employees into signing the new contracts and has demanded the bank rescind any that are claimed to have been signed under duress.

"If the Co-op thinks they can get away with bully-bank tactics they should think again," said Keith Brookes, a Bifu assistant secretary. Bifu staff say this is not the behaviour they expected from a bank that has traditionally had strong links with the trades union movement. The union has singled out the London clearing centre as a stronghold for possible strike action.

The result of the ballot will be announced next week.

The Co-op dispute is a further sign of unrest in the banking industry. Lloyds Bank has suffered a one-day strike and faces further action from staff.

The introduction of performance-related pay at the Co-op is being watched closely by other banks that want to make their staff expenses more sensitive to swings in profit.

Complaint against BA finds scant sympathy

From TOM WALKER AND HARVEY ELLIOTT

EUROPEAN Commission sources said Sir Leon Brittan would probably throw out a complaint by the Airbus consortium that it is not being offered a level playing field in selling aircraft to British Airways because of collusion between the British flag carrier, Boeing and General Electric, the American enginemaker.

The sources confirmed that a 20-page dossier from Airbus, which arrived at the commission six weeks ago, is being investigated by Sir Leon's competition directorate. Its most serious allegation is that details of engine discounts that would have made the Airbus 340 long-haul jet an attractive alternative to the new Boeing 777 were suppressed until BA had announced which of the two aircraft it would buy. The airline placed a $5 billion order with Boeing and General Electric in August.

Relations between British Airways and Airbus reached a new low as the airline angrily rejected claims that it had conspired with Boeing to freeze out the European consortium. In a short, tersely worded statement, British Airways said allegations made by Airbus to the EC were "totally unfounded and wrong and will be strongly repudiated."

Ever since BA announced that it was ordering Boeing 777 jets to replace its ageing TriStar fleet, Airbus has claimed that the agreement was underhand. Now it has officially complained to Sir Leon, the European competition commissioner, that the deal contravened EC competition law.

A commission source said: "I really find it hard to believe that information of this sort could have been suppressed. We all know that the aircraft industry is notorious for shady deals and bribes but I don't think Airbus have got anything concrete to complain about."

Airbus had a strong team at last week's conference of airline chiefs in Nairobi and held "open house", claiming that it had been frozen out because BA had allegedly asked Boeing to quote for more aircraft than Airbus, thereby artificially driving down the Boeing price. This is strongly denied by BA, which is aggrieved that it is the only British airline operating Airbus jets of any type and yet is constantly accused of refusing to back the European consortium.

Aircraft industry sources in Brussels, too, seem to have little sympathy with Airbus. They say that BA had a simple choice: either buy the Airbus 340, which can be fitted only with the General Electric CFM56 power plant, an engine that has just notched up 5,000 sales and which is approaching the end of its "development life", or buy the Boeing 777 with the all-new GE90 engine.

"It's pretty obvious that a new engine will do better than the old one," said one industry expert. Although both engines are known as GE models, the French engine-maker SNECMA has a 50 per cent joint venture stake in the CFM56, and a 25 per cent stake in the GE90.

The hybrid nature of engine-making reflects the huge cost of taking a new jet unit from design board to production. An all-new engine such as the GE90 is a considerable risk for a company to take on alone.

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Managers protest at secret plan

Barclays U-turn on rate concession

By NEIL BENNETT
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BARCLAYS Bank has scrapped plans to withdraw an interest rate allowance secretly from its customers, after protests from its branch managers.

The decision was taken after a report of the plans appeared in *The Times* yesterday. Branch managers had been sent a confidential circular telling them to cancel notional interest allowance, a long-standing benefit to business customers.

The memo told managers to remove the allowance "without reference to the customer" in cases where companies were unaware that it existed. But managers were told to leave the allowance untouched in cases where customers were likely to complain.

Barclays' management, led by Sir John Quinton, the chairman, has moved swiftly to defuse any criticism of the instructions in the circular. The bank is sending a new memo to its managers that will tell them that there is no question of scrapping NIA without telling customers first.

The NIA is a benefit for companies that keep their Barclays current accounts in credit. It is calculated at 1 per cent of the average balance per quarter, and the sum is used to offset bank charges. Under normal terms, a company that kept £1,000 in its account would have its charges reduced by £10.

Barclays says that its first circular was misinterpreted and blames poor wording. Branch managers will be allowed to retain NIA on any account where they think it important, and any individual agreements about the provision of NIA will be honoured. In these cases the allowance is likely to be phased out by mutual agreement.

Barclays is not alone in its treatment of NIA. Other high street banks have withdrawn the benefit gradually without informing their customers. Today banks encourage businesses to place spare cash in deposits accounts that earn far higher interest than the NIA arrangement. Only a minority of business retain large positive balances in their current accounts and make use of NIA.

Like other banks, Barclays is particularly conscious of its image in the business community, after the complaint by Sir Gordon Borrie, the director-general of fair trading, that banks were "insensitive and high-handed" towards their small business customers.

Later this month Barclays is due to launch its code of business banking in which it will promise to give businesses one month's notice of any changes to commission charges or interest rates. This is in line with instructions given by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, last July.

TEMPUS

Doubts appear over BT as profits cool

IT COULD be a lean year for the Princess Royal Trust for Carers. That worthy body was the recipient of £150,000 from Iain Vallance last year, after the furore over the British Telecom boss's pay. This year's bonus, which in part relates to financial performance, will go to charity as well, but the donation could be rather smaller.

BT is in the awkward position of having to play up profits ahead of the forthcoming government share sale while playing them down because of the inevitable fuss over their size.

So the group points to a 0.8 per cent reduction in pre-tax profits to £785 million in the second quarter, rather than a 5.1 per cent rise to £1.61 billion in the first half. In actual fact the second quarter rise is more than 4 per cent if the effect of property disposals is discounted, but this is still a fair cry from the 11.1 per cent of the first three months.

Clearly, BT cannot count itself immune to recession. Turnover in the second quarter rose by less than 1 per cent. The decision to raise the interim dividend, ahead of what could be a tough second half, looks to be aimed squarely at the millions of potential shareholders queuing for the December share sale.

Patrick Wellington at County NatWest, the broker, has scaled down his full-year forecast to £3.2 billion, from £3.325 billion.

Telecom shares are not going to fall out of bed ahead of that sale, at least if some of the most highly paid advisers in the City have any influence, but they will hardly outperform, given the substantial overhang represented by the government's block and their strong showing from 255p a year ago to yesterday's 365p. At today's price the shares yield 5 per cent and look dear.

Longer term, BT's steady profit rises look under threat. The biggest risk remains political; it is inconceivable that any future Labour government could resist pressure to take adverse action, however inept or ill-thought out.

Anglo-Scandinavian

INVESTMENT trust bids are rarely straightforward, and Scottish Cities' £18 million offer for Anglo-Scandinavian would tax a nuclear physicist.

The bid and the counter-offer from Anglo-Scandinavian are the latest round in a brawl between William Salomon, who is keen to protect his family's business empire, and Staffan Gadd, the former chief executive of Samuel Montagu, who wants to break it up.

Scottish Cities' bid looks, on the surface, derisory. The trust is offering 90 per cent of Anglo's formula asset value in Scottish Cities' shares with an 82 per cent cash alternative. On current calculations, this makes them worth 92p and 84p a share.

Last week, Anglo hit back with a far fuller offer. A new trust run by the same management is offering 100 per cent of assets in cash or shares.

Investors who want cash should accept this offer immediately. Anglo-Scandinavian's assets have not grown much since its launch, so capital gains tax liabilities should be small.

Anglo shareholders who want to reinvest in the trust sector face a tougher choice. Scottish Cities' bid offers shares in a well managed trust at a significant discount to assets.

Anglo's offer is a dark horse. Shareholders should question whether they want to continue funding Mr Gadd's attack on the Salomon empire.

In any case, investors should wait for for the chance of an increased offer from Scottish Cities before they commit themselves.

STOCK MARKET

Forecasts for banks cut on fears of bad debt provisions

By MICHAEL CLARK

THE high street banks seem to have few friends in the City these days. Last week, they were criticised for their "high handed and insensitive" attitude towards small businesses. Yesterday, they fell foul of at least one firm of City stockbrokers because of the slow pace of economic recovery.

Hopes that the worst of the bad debt situation may be over appear to be premature. The banking team at County NatWest WoodMac, the stockbroker, has cut its profit forecasts because of further provisions for bad and doubtful debts.

County has cut its forecast for **Barclays**, down 11p at 416p, in the current year by £66 million to £620 million and for 1992 from £1.05 billion to £890 million. The **National Westminster Bank** forecast for 1992 has been reduced from £777 million to £650 million, while **Lloyds**, 10p cheaper at 385p, has been slashed in the current year by £24 million to £650 million. **Midland** fell 6p to 235p. Other brokers are now likely to follow County's lead and begin cutting their estimates.

The rest of the equity market had a lacklustre session, despite news of a ¼ per cent cut in US prime rates. The Chancellor's upbeat Mansion House speech made little impression on investors. They remain concerned about gloomy trading statements from the likes of **ICI**, down a further 17p at £12.54. **British Telecom**, down 16p at 366p, added to the gloom with disappointing second-quarter figures. A drop in the second quarter left pre-tax profits in the first six months only £100 million ahead at £1.6 billion. The company blamed the recession and increased competition. Iain Vallance, the chairman, gave a warning of weak prospects in the short term. The news from BT also left rival **Cable and Wireless** 10p lower at 254p.

The fall in the BT share price accounted for much of the loss in the FT-SE 100 Index, which drifted on lack of support throughout the session to finish 16.5 lower at 2,549.5 — a fall on a volatile week of 9 points. Turnover was restricted to 510 million shares. Selective support by some institutions has put pressure on some marketmakers still short of stock. Government securities suffered losses stretching to almost £1 at the longer end, overshadowed by the prospect of further issues to fund the public sector borrowing requirement. Prices were also depressed by confirmation that the Chancellor plans to issue new ecu notes next year.

TSW, the west of England broadcaster, held steady at 47p as the group announced it is seeking a judicial review of the Independent Television Committee ruling into the loss of its franchise.

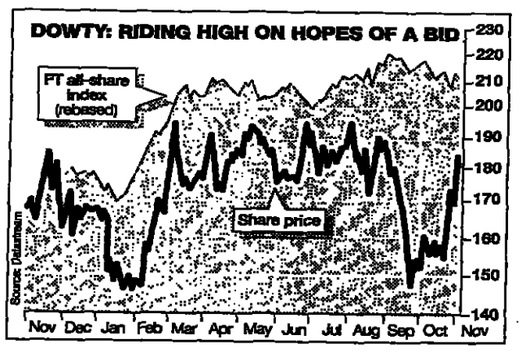
Dowty, the aerospace and information technology group, slipped 2p to 182p as the expected bid failed to materialise. There had been talk that **Smiths Industries**, 5p better at 255p, and **TI Group**, unchanged at 617p, may have considered making an offer. There were even suggestion that **Lucas Industries**, 1p firmer at 136p, had considered the possibility of making a bid, after this week's news that it had secured a major aerospace order. Propsects for Dowty remain grim, with analysts forecasting a drop in pre-tax profits for the current year from £60 million to less than £40 million.

There were the first signs of profit-taking in newcomer **Frost Group**, the petrol station retailer. Offered at 235p, the shares touched 270p on Thursday before closing 3p lower at 267p.

Kleinwort Benson, the stockbroker, came to the rescue of **J Sainsbury**, 12p better at 347p, claiming that the recent weakness had been overdone. Price cuts by various food manufacturers this week have added to speculation that the price war among the retailers had intensified. Sainsbury is expected to unveil a healthy increase in half year profits on Wednesday.

USM-quoted Proteus, the mollecular modeller, soared 53p to 150p after reaching agreement with Repligen Corporation of America to assist in computer-aided research to find a vaccine for Aids.

Macarthy Pharmaceutical rose 3p to 269p as the near £80 million bid from Grampian Holdings bit the dust. Grampian has received acceptances of less than 11 per cent. Macarthy still has to await the outcome of similar bids from **Lloyds Chemists**, down 3p at 307p, and **UniChem**, 1p firmer at 185p, which are still lodged with the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.



Shares in Simon Engineering have been a dull market, depressed by profit downgradings because of a poor performance from the access and process engineering division. But the price rose 4p to 275p yesterday as County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, switched its recommendation to buy. County says the shares are now failing to reflect Simon's long-term potential.

RECENT ISSUES

Adam & Harvey (180)	196	...	
Butte Mining Wrnts	2½	...	
Capital Ventures 1p	85	...	
Culver 1p (4)	4	...	
Do Capital (100)	91	...	
Do Geared Units	61½	-1	
Do Income 1p (44)	44	...	
Do Package Units (100)	97	-1	
Do Units	655	...	
Drayton Recovery Trust (100)	98	-1	
Eng & Scott Wrnts	20	...	
Eurotunnel '91 Wrnts	235	-8	
Frost Group (235)	267	-3	
Gartmore Scotland Inc (100)	111	...	
M & G Income Cap 1p (28)	18½	...	
Vasch Holdings Sc(62½)	63	...	
Wills Group Wrnts	2½	...	
Domus Group 10p (25)	26	...	
Simpsons of Cornhill 5p (50)	48	...	

RIGHTS ISSUES

ASDA N/P (35)	7½	+¾	
British Thomson 5p N/P (10)	1½	...	
Dewhirst Group 10p N/P (26)	1¼	...	
Serco Group 2p N/P (450)	85	...	
Crossroads Oil 5p N/P (28)	1¼	...	
Crown Comms 10p N/P (45)	2	-1	
Kenmare Res Ir5p N/P (Ir75)	¼	...	

WALL STREET

Dow slips on profit-taking

New York — Shares fell in morning trading, under pressure from sell programs and profit-taking. The Dow Jones industrial average was down by 16.77 to 3,052.33 at 10.45am. Investors had no incentive to buy as speculation about a cut in the discount rate shifted from yesterday to next week.

☐ Singapore — Prices closed higher on bargain-hunting shortly before neighbouring Malaysia announced its 1992 budget. The Straits Times industrial index rose 9.41 to 1,416.52. *(Reuter)*

Tokyo falls 178 points

Tokyo — Shares ended a quiet day, closing weaker but above their lows for the day. The Nikkei index was down 178.04 points to 25,044.24.

☐ Frankfurt — Prices ended moderately lower in thin trading, led down by Volkswagen. The Dax index ended about half of 1 per cent lower at 1,573.55 (Thursday close's was 1,582.06). *(Reuter)*

	Nov 1 midday	Oct 31 close
AMP Inc	52½	52¾
AMR Corp	63¾	63¾
Abbott Labs	58¾	58¾
Aetna Life	38¼	39¼
Ahmanson (H F)	16¼	16¼
Air Prod & Chem	68¾	68¾
Albertson's	36¾	36¾
Allen Abramson	21¼	21¼
Alco Standard	53¾	54½
Allied Signal	41½	41½
Alum Co of Am	62¼	63¾
Amax	20¾	20¾
Amerada Hess	55¼	56¼
Amer Brands	41¾	42
Amer Cyanamid	64¾	64¾
Amer El Power	31¼	31½
Amer Express	19¾	19
Amer Gen Corp	42¾	43
Amer Home Pr	73¼	73½
Amer Intl	87¾	88
Amer Stores	37¾	37¾
Amer T & T	38¾	38¾
Ameritech	62¾	62¾
Amoco	51¼	51¼
Anheuser-Busch	54¾	54½
Apple Computer	51½	51½
Archer Daniels	27½	27½
Ashld	18¾	19
Atlantic	5¾	5¾
Atmco	5¾	5¾
Armstrong Wrld	30¾	30¾
Avnet	28¾	28¾
Ashland Oil	28¾	28¾
Atl Richfield	119¾	119¾
Auto Data Pro	36¼	36¼
Avery Dennison	22½	22½
Avon Products	40¾	41
Baker Hughes	25½	25½
Baltim Gas & El	32¾	32¾
Banc One	45¼	45¾
BankAmerica	41¼	42
Bank of NY	32¾	33
Bankers Tr NY	64¾	65
Barnett Bks Fl	30½	31¼
Bausch & Lomb	48¾	48¾
Baxter Intl	38	37½
Bear Stearns	20¾	20¾
Becton Dickinson	69¾	70
Bell Atlantic	46¾	47
BellSouth	48¾	49
Black & Decker	16¾	16¾
Block (H&R)	34¾	35¼
Boeing	49¾	49¾
Boise Cascade	25½	25¾
Borden Inc	33¼	33¼
Bristol Myer Sq	86¾	86¾
Browning Ferris	18¾	18¾
Burlington Nthn	40¾	40¾
CBS	157	158¾
CNA Financial	91½	91½
CPC Intl	81¾	81¾
CSX	55¾	55¾
Campbell Soup	76½	77¼
Can Pacific	16¾	16½
Cpt Cities ABC	408	410½
Cat Holdings	50¾	50¾
Carolina Pwr	49¾	49½
Caterpillar	47¼	48
Central & SW	30¾	30¾
Champion Int	25¾	25¾
Chase Manhat	18¾	18¾
Chemical Bk	24¾	24¾
Chevron Corp	74	74½
Chrysler	12¼	12½
Chubb Corp	68¾	69
Cigna Corp	52¾	52
Cincinp	11¼	11½
Cintas	39½	39¾
Coastal Corp	31¼	31¾
Coca Cola	66¾	66¾
Colgate Palm	41¼	41¾
Columbia Gas	17½	17½
Commonwe Ed	40¾	40¾
Compaq Comp	28	28¾
Comp Ass Int	9¾	9¾
Conagra	42½	42½
Cons Edison	25¾	25¾
Cons Nat Gas	42¾	42¾
Cons Rail	79¾	79¾
Cooper Inds	55¾	55¾
Corning Inc	77¾	78¾
Crown Cork	87¾	88¼
Dana Corp	27¾	27¾
Dayton Hudson	63¾	63¾
Deere	56¾	56¾
Delta Air Lines	62½	62¾
Deluxe Corp	40¾	40¾
Detroit Edison	32¾	32½
Digital Equip	61¾	62¼
Dillard Dept St	120¾	121¼
Disney (Walt)	118	118¾
Dominion Res	54¾	54¾
Donelley (RR)	47¾	46½
Dover Corp	38¾	38¾
Dow Chemicals	85¾	86
Dow Jones	24¾	25
Dresser	20¾	20½
Duke Power	31¼	31¼
Dun & Bradstrt	49¾	49¾
Du Pont	47¾	47¾
Eastman Kodak	44¾	45¼
Eaton Corp	60½	60¼
Emerson Elec	80¾	81¼
Enron Corp	72¾	72¾
Entergy Corp	27¾	27¾
Ethyl Corp	27¾	28¼
Exxon	60½	61
FMC Corp	51¼	51¼
FPL Group	34¾	34¾
Federal Express	38¾	39¼
Fed Nat Mtge	62	62½
First Chicago	25¾	25¾
First Emerson	29	29¾
First Union Wach	9¾	9¾
FleetNorstar	22¾	21½
Fluor Corp	45	45¾
Ford Motor	27¾	27¾
GTE Corp	32¾	32¾
Gannett	39¾	40¾
Gen Dynamics	52¾	52¾
Gen Electric	68¾	69
Gen Mills	61	61½
Gen Motors	34¾	35¼
Gen Reinsurance	93¾	94½
Gen Signal	52¾	53
Genuine Parts	43¾	44¼
Georgia Pac	66¾	66¾
Gillette	40¾	40¾
Goodrich (BF)	42¼	42¼
Goodyear Tire	49¾	50
Grace (WR)	29¾	30¾
Gt Atl Pac Tea	30¾	34¼
Grnt Wstn Fin	16¾	16¾
Halliburton	33¾	33¾
Helen (HJ)	38¾	39
Hercules	41¾	42¼
Hershey Foods	41	41¼
Hewlett Packard	50	50¾
Hilton Hotels	43¾	44¼
Home Depot	39¾	39¾
Homestake	15¾	15¾
Honeywell	56¾	57¼
Household Intl	47¾	48¾
Houston Inds	39¾	39
Huntsmn	28½	29
ITT Corp	69¾	70
Illinois Tool	64¾	65¾
INCO	33	33
Ingersoll Rand	51¾	50¾
Inland Steel	20¾	20¾
Intel Corp	42¾	43¾
IBM	98¾	98¼
Int Flav & Fr	90	89¾
Int Paper	74¾	76
Jersey Cntl Pwr	17¾	17¼
Johnson & Johnsn	94½	95¾
K Mart	41¼	42¾
Kellogg	100¾	101¼
Kerr-McGee	43¾	43
Kimberly-Clark	95¾	96¾
Knight-Ridder	47¼	47¾
Lilly (Ell)	77¾	78¾
Limited Inc	23¾	24¼
Lin Bankcorp	30¾	31½
Litton Inds	52¾	52¾
Lockheed Corp	49¾	49¾
Loews Corp	82¾	83¼
Longs Drug Str	45¾	45¾
Louisiana Pac	16¾	16¾
Lowes Cos	25¾	26¾
Lubrizol	30¾	30¾
Lucky Stores	18¾	18¾
Manpower	25¾	25¾
Marriott	16¼	16½
Marsh & McLnn	75¾	75¾
Martin Marietta	51½	52¼
Masco Corp	22¾	23
May Dept St	50¾	50¾
Mayflwr Corp	13¾	13¾
McCulloch	24¼	24¼
McDonnell D	20¾	20¾
McGraw Hill	54¾	54
Mead Corp	32¾	32¾
Medtronic	77¾	78¾
Mellon Bk	34¼	34¾
Melville Corp	43¾	44
Merck Inc	136¾	137
Merrill Lynch	51¾	51¾
Minnesota Minc	90¾	91
Mobil Corp	69¾	70¾
Monsanto	68¾	68¾
Morgan (JP)	64¾	64¾
Morrison Inc	62¾	62½
Nat Medical	18¾	18½
Nat Semicd	6	5¾
Nat Service Ind	21¾	22
Navistar Int	2¾	2¾
NBD Bancorp	43¾	43¾
NCNB Corp	37¾	37¾
NY Times A	19¾	19¾
Newmont Mng	40	40¾
Nieg Mohawk	17¾	17¾
Nike B	55¾	55¾
NL Industries	12¼	12¾
Nordstrom	26	25¾
Norfolk Sthrn	62¾	62¾
Nthn State Pwr	40	39¾
Norwest Corp	33½	33¾
Nynex Corp	77¾	77¾
Occidental Pet	22	22¾
Ohio Edison	19¾	19¾
Oracle Systems	16	15¾
Orion Energy Co	32¾	32¾
PNC Financial	41¾	41¾
PPG Industries	60¾	60
Pacific Inc	47¾	44¾
Pacificorp	23¾	23¾
Pac Enterprises	25¾	25¾
Pan Am & Elect	25¾	25¾
Pac Telesis	42¾	42¾
Paii Corp	37¾	36¾
Peninsulla East	14¾	14¾
Penncentr Cocrp	40¾	40
Penley Hamptn	29¾	30¾
Pennzy (JC)	49¾	50
Pennzoil	62¾	63¾
Pepsico	38¾	38¾
Pfizer	71	71¼
Phelps Dodge	78¾	78½
Philadel Elec	23¾	23¾
Phillip Morris	69	70¾
Phillips Pet	26¾	26¾
Pitney Bowes	59	59¾
Polaroid	36¾	36¾
Pope Co	37¾	37¾
Primerica	36¾	36¾
Procter & Gmbl	83¾	83¾
Pub Serv E & G	28¾	28¾
Quaker Oats	63¾	63¾
Ralston Purina	53¾	53¾
Raytheon Corp	33¾	34
Raytheon	77½	78¾
Reebok Intl	29¾	29
Reynolds Metals	54¾	54¾
Reynlosy Secs	35¾	35¾
Rockwell Intl	26¾	26¾
Rohm & Haas	41	41¼
Royal Dutch	60¾	60¾
Rubbermaid	60½	61
Safeco Corp	30¾	30¾
St Paul Cos	65¾	64¾
Salomon Inc	27¾	28¼
Santa Fe S Pac	11¼	11¼
Sara Lee Corp	44¾	44¾
Saxcorp	44¾	44½
Schering Plough	61¾	60½
Schlumberger	68¾	69¼
Scott Paper	77¾	77¾
Seagrams	114¾	113¾
Sears Roebuck	37	37½
Sec Pacific	32½	33¾
Shared Trans	53¾	53¾
Sherwin Wllms	25¾	25¾
Skyline Corp	14¾	14½
Snap-On-Tools	31	30¾
Southmrn Co	29¾	30
Southwestern Bell	60¾	60¾
Stanley Works	40¾	40¾
Sun Company	30¾	30¾
Sunmicr	36½	34½
Super Valu	25¾	25¾
Synovus Corp	46¾	45¾
Sysco Corp	41¼	41¼
TRW Inc	38	38¼
Tandem Comp	11¼	11¼
Tandy Corp	28	28¼
Tektronix	29¾	30¾
Telecom Corp	1¼	1¼
Teledyne	17¾	18¼
Temple Inland	47¾	48¾
Tenneco	38¾	38¾
Texaco	65¾	65¾
Texas Inst	31¾	31¾
Texas Utilities	39¾	39¾
Textron	37	36¾
Thne Warner	90¾	91¼
Times-Mirror	29¾	29¾
Timken	25¾	25¾
Tosco Corp	52¾	53
Toys R Us	27¾	28¾
Transamrica	36¾	37
Travelers Corp	20¼	20¾
Tribune	37¾	37½
Trico Labs	32½	33¾
UAL Corp	130	132½
UST Inc	53¾	53½
USX Marathon	30¾	29¾
Unilever NV	88¾	87¾
Union Camp	50	50¾
Union Carbide	19¾	19¾
Union Pacific	64¾	64¾
Unisys Corp	4¾	4¾
USAIR Group	9¾	9¾
USFG Corp	7¼	7¼
US Life	43¾	44¾
US West	35¾	35¾
United Tech	49¾	48¾
Utd Telecomms	23¾	23¾
Unocal Corp	25¾	26¼
Upjohn	44	44¾
Varity	37¾	37¼
Wal-Mart Stores	40¾	40¾
Warner-Lambert	72¾	72¾
Waste Mngmnt	36¾	37¼
Wells Fargo	68¾	68¾
Westinghouse El	17¾	17¾
Weyerhaeuser	27½	27½
Whirlpool	36¾	36¾
Whittman	12¾	12¾
Winn Dixie	37	37¼
Woolworth	29	28¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	64¼	65
Xerox	64¾	64

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE				
Aegon House, Lansark Square, London EC4 9XS. 071 538 8800				
Series Mngd Fund	317.7	336.2	+ 5.20	...
Series Equity	405.7	429.4	+11.30	...
Series Prop Fd	185.8	408.3	+ 5.40	...
Series Fixed Int	246.8	261.2	+ 0.60	...
Series Money Fd	217.7	230.4	+ 0.20	...
Series Oseas Fd	237.3	251.2	...	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE				
2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD. 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	15.58	16.40	+ 0.02	...
Bear	15.45	16.27	+ 0.17	...
Owl	15.38	16.19	+ 0.19	...
Bull	14.19	14.94	+ 0.01	...
Stag	14.81	15.59	- 0.03	...
Gilt Edged	14.87	...	...	...
Deposit	13.86	...	...	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	19 97	21.03	+ 0.04	...
Bear	19.70	20.74	+ 0.26	...
Owl	19.67	20.71	+ 0.25	...
Bull	17.30	18.22	+ 0.04	...
Stag	17.41	18.33	- 0.02	...
Gilt Edged	17.57	...	...	...
Deposit	16.89	...	...	...
Exempt App Mngd	183.91	187.67	+ 1.50	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	441.53	441.54	+ 3.11	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	264.60	278.53	+ 1.14	...
N Amer Equity	223 06	234.81	+ 1.27	...
Far East Equity	312.60	329.06	- 6.17	...
Fixed	230.59	242.73	+ 0.43	...
Cash Deposit	176.77	186.08	+ 0.21	...
Property	97.93	103.09	+ 2.06	...
Special Opp	279.94	294.68	- 5.41	...
Managed	328.34	340.36	+ 0.85	...
Index-Linked Fd	156.34	164.57	- 0.66	...
ABBEY LIFE				
Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	2e3.0	276.9	...	...
-do- Acc	447.6	471.2	...	...
Equity Fd Inc	134.1	141.2	+ 0.90	...
-do- Acc	164.5	173.2	+ 1.00	...
Selective Fd	370.8	390.4	+ 1.20	...
Money Fd	320.6	337.5	+ 0.50	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	158.1	377.0	...	...
Equity Ser 4	166.6	175.4	- 1.90	...
Man Ser 4	490.1	515.9	+ 1.70	...
Conv Ser 4	283.2	298.2	+ 0.40	...
Money Ser 4	283.1	298.0	+ 0.60	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	271.3	285.6	+ 2.30	...
American Ser 4	354.2	372.9	+ 1.40	...
High Inc Ser 4	501.0	527.4	+ 6.40	...
Unitised Inv Ser 4	160.4	168.9	+ 0.10	...
Japan Ser 4	307.5	323.7	- 3.20	...
ALBANY LIFE				
3 Dirkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ. 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1209.9	1273.5	+21.00	...
European Fd Acc	251 9	265.1	...	...
Fixed Int Acc	407.1	428.4	+ 3.30	...
Gtd Money Acc	268.9	304.1	+ 0.30	...
Intl Managed Acc	435.0	447.3	+ 2.20	...
Int Pal Int Acc	242.7	255.4	- 0.20	...
Japan Fund	267.1	281.1	- 0.70	...
Nth American Acc	732.9	745.1	+ 2.80	...
Prop Fd Acc	338.0	355.8	+ 0.50	...
Multiple Inv Acc	190.1	531.6	+ 8.20	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE				
Swindon SN1 1EL. 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	323 6	340.7	+ 0.40	...
Equity Acc	1039.5	1094.3	+12.00	...
Property Acc	487.2	512.9	- 0.20	...
Far East Acc	204.3	215.1	- 0.20	...
Managed Capital	433.9	456.8	+ 5.50	...
-do- Acc	810.3	853.0	+ 8.00	...
Overseas Acc	730.8	769.3	+12.00	...
Gilt Edged Acc	373.2	392.9	+ 4.00	...
Amer Equity Acc	557.1	586.5	- 1.10	...
Amer Man Acc	249 1	262.3	+ 0.50	...
Amer Prop Acc	127 4	134.2	- 0.10	...
BARCLAYS LIFE				
252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB. 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	642.2	676 1	+ 8.50	...
-do- Initial	472.7	497.6	+ 6.30	...
Gilt Edged Acc	289.5	304 8	+ 2.60	...
-do- Initial	214.9	226.3	+ 2.60	...
International Acc	288.3	303.5	- 0.50	...
-do- Initial	212.7	223.9	+ 0.40	...
Managed Acc	401.9	423.1	+ 3.50	...
-do- Initial	297.0	312.7	+ 2.60	...
Money Acc	252.6	265.9	+ 0.40	...
Property Acc	280.5	295.3	+ 0.30	...
-do- Initial	205.7	216.6	...	...
America Acc	192.6	202.8	+ 1.40	...
Australia Acc	166.5	175.3	- 0.40	...
Financial Acc	219.2	230.8	+ 1.50	...
500 Accum	329.4	343.6	+ 1.80	...
Japan Gen Acc	312.6	329.1	- 4.50	...
Income Acc	389.3	405 9	+ 4.50	...
Leisure Acc	185.4	195.2	+ 0.80	...
Special Sits Acc	153.0	161.1	+ 2.80	...
Unv Tech Acc	104 9	110.5	+ 0.40	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE				
Mountbarrow House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	603.86	603.86	+ 1.55	...
Income Fund	584.30	615 06	+ 4.81	...
Extra Income	530.27	558.18	+ 5.50	...
Worldwide Gth	368.30	387 69	+ 2.33	...
Balanced Fund	510.14	536.99	+ 1.72	...
Small Cos Recov	520.39	547.68	-17.85	...
Intl Technology	271.38	356 33	+ 2.74	...
N Amer & Genrl	293.81	309.28	+ 1.43	...
Energy Intl Fd	122 92	129.39	+ 1.92	...
Pacific Basin	283.50	298.48	+ 8.57	...
Germ/Scan Growth	167.29	176.10	+ 0.67	...
Japan Growth	148.90	156.74	+ 2.53	...
The UK Gth Fd	174.36	183.54	+ 0.62	...
Gend Euro Gth	84.43	88.88	+ 0.24	...
Property Fund	323.70	340.74	+ 0.31	...
Fixed Interest	246 61	259.59	+ 1.61	...
Cash Fund	246 69	259.68	+ 0.28	...
Managed Inv	375.44	395.20	+ 2.07	...
Nth Amer Recov	182.86	192.49	- 0.05	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Gth	310.27	326.60	- 3.24	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE				
PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire. 0475 868000				
Measured Perf	112.6	119.2	- 0.50	...
Performance Plus	107.6	113.9	- 0.60	...
With Profit Perf	138.3	146.3	+ 0.30	...
UK Opportunity	133.1	140.8	- 1.20	...
Euro Opportunity	133.6	141.4	- 0.60	...
North Amer Opp	93.2	98.6	- 0.80	...
Far East Opp	124.4	131.6	- 1.10	...
Gwth Prop Sec 1	164.7	173.4	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	152.3	161.2	+ 0.10	...
Fixed Int	135.9	143.8	+ 0.90	...
Cash	137.2	145.2	+ 0.20	...
Managed Pens	449.60	458.80	...	...
Overseas	119.3	126.2	- 0.50	...
CANADA LIFE				
2-6 High Street, Potters Bar. Herts EN6 5BA. 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	8219.9	...	...	...
Managed	245.6	258.6	+ 1.00	...
Property	180.3	189.9	+ 0.40	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	182.1	191.7	+ 2.50	...
Index-Linked	150.7	158.7	+ 0.10	...
Equity	273.4	287.8	+ 1.60	...
Cash	192.1	202.2	+ 1.40	...
CLife Euro Mngd	242.3	255.1	+ 2.00	...
CLife Intl Fd	256.1	269.6	...	...
CANNON ASSURANCE				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
Capital Gth Acc	96.50	102.1	+ 1.40	...
Equity Units	s197.56	...	...	...
Property Units	s226.76	...	...	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£50.04	£52.95	- 0.04	...
2nd Equity Acc	494.9	523.7	+ 5.60	...
2nd High Inc/

You were happy to spend a fortune advertising on TV. Then you had to go and read this.

NO-ONE can deny that television advertising is expensive. The reason advertisers are willing to pay up is because they've been told time and time again - and have had no reason to doubt - that television is a good investment.

Given the huge audiences and the 'intrusive' nature of the medium, for those who can afford it there is no real alternative.

We may think of this as the accepted wisdom. In fact it's the accepted folly.

The figures that make the case for television advertising are based on a method of research which records the times at which viewers turn their sets on, change channels and switch off.

There is also a 'people meter' that records who is in the room, provided they remember to press the button.

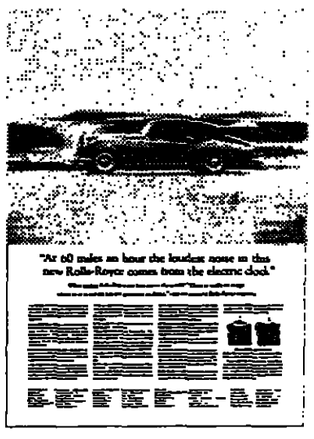
This method asks us to make a rather important assumption.

That when people are in a room with the TV set switched-on, they are actually watching.

Everyday experience, common sense and a little elementary sleuthing will show us that this assumption can't be entirely accurate.

Just how wildly inaccurate has recently been demonstrated by research psychologist Dr. Peter Collett, who used the unassailable method of videoing people watching commercials by hiding a camera in their TV sets.

His findings make uncomfortable reading for anyone who spends large sums on television advertising. Let's assume that you 'invest' £10 million. Dr. Collett saw (literally) that 20% of commercials played to empty rooms. Bang goes £2 million.


"At 60 miles an hour the loudest noise in this new Rolls-Royce comes from the electric clock."

The videotapes also revealed that advertising breaks were the cue for people to escape the commercials.

Some people left the room. Others used their remote-control 'zappers' to sample the action on other channels.

As a result, another 10% of commercials (and £1million of your budget) were lost.

Only 70% of commercials had any audience at all. But the tapes show people talking, reading, sleeping. Some, who evidently forgot they were being filmed, even got down to some serious canoodling.

Half the time, no-one was actually watching the TV set.

In effect, only one third of all commercials had the viewers' attention. £7 million of your £10 million was totally wasted.

Whichever way you look at it, television advertising is less than half as effective as you thought it was. Or more than twice as expensive.

In publishing this newspaper advertisement, we do not wish to imply that your television advertising budget is wasted. Just two thirds of it.

Of course we're not suggesting that you stop using television, only that you stop to think about what other, powerful options are available. Newspapers, for example.



You cannot read a newspaper whilst behaving as if it isn't there.

If you put down your newspaper to make a cup of tea, the ads will still be there when you come back. (It is probably impossible to canoodle while reading a newspaper, but if Dr. Collett's research teaches us anything, it is not to be dogmatic.)

Some of the most famous campaigns in advertising history have been conducted in newspapers. We've already featured several of them on these pages. This advertisement contains two more examples.

Newspaper advertisements can be intrusive, powerful and compelling.

You've spent three minutes on this ad already and read every word so far. How much would it cost you to hold someone's attention on TV for three minutes? (Don't forget that TV is more than twice as expensive as you thought it was.)

If you'd like more information, please telephone 071-433 1500.

PEOPLE READ NEWS-PAPERS

This advertisement was placed by the Newspaper Publishers Association.

Portfolio

PLATINUM

From your Portfolio Platinum card check your eight share price movements on this page only. Add these prices to your running total for the week and check this against the weekly dividend figure on this page. If it matches this figure, you have won outright or a share of the total weekly prize money stated. If you win, follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	HK Land	Property	
2	Davies Newman	Transport	
3	Marley	Building.Rds	
4	Expamet	Industrial	
5	Bk Of Ireland	Banks.Disc	
6	Fisons	Industrial	
7	Yorks Chem	Chems.Pla	
8	Powerscreen	Industrial	
9	Amwoods	Building.Rds	
10	Appleyard	Motors.Air	
11	Land Sec	Property	
12	Cohen (A)	Industrial	
13	BPB Ind	Building.Rds	
14	Electrocompons	Electrical	
15	ECC Group	Industrial	
16	Blick	Electrical	
17	Vaux Group	Breweries	
18	Greycoat	Property	
19	Regalian	Property	
20	Logica	Electrical	
21	Smiths Ind	Industrial	
22	Kingfisher	Drapery.Stns	
23	FR Group	Motors.Air	
24	Tesco	Foods	
25	Redland	Building.Rds	
26	Scot&New	Breweries	
27	Central TV	Leisure	
28	Sweeney	Building.Rds	
29	Office Elec Mac	Industrial	
30	Abbey National	Banks.Disc	
31	Savills	Property	
32	Simon Eng	Industrial	
33	Tarmac	Building.Rds	
34	Proudfoot Alex	Industrial	
35	Blenheim Gp	Newspapr.Pub	
36	Cadbury-Schw	Foods	
37	Taylor Woodrw	Building.Rds	
38	Smithkline	Industrial	
39	Aus New Z	Banks.Disc	
40	Reed Int	Newspapr.Pub	
41	Blacks Leis	Drapery.Stns	
42	Warnford	Property	
43	Coursuld Text	Textiles	
44	BET Ord	Industrial	

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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in today's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

There were no valid claims for the Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. The £2,000 will be added to Monday's competition.

Investors stay on sidelines

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 28. Dealings end November 8. §Contango day November 11. Settlement day November 18. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
311	211	Abbey National	278	+ 5	9.5	4.6	9.1
183	126	Allied Irish	175		...	5.7	12.6
60	23	Antbacker [H]	38		1.5	5.3	
190	121	Aus New Z	190	+ 3	...	...	5.7
2631	1218	Bkamerica	2412	+ 21	...	...	
173½	115½	Bk of Ireland	144	+ 2	...	7.3	23.6
1950	1000	Bk Lauumi Ind	1900		...	...	
350	340	Bk Leumi UK	340		...	16.0	6.3
126	91	Bk Scotland	116		...	5.1	9.0
489	327	Barclays	416	-11	21.1	6.8	27.5
12		Barnetbank	5		...	...	19.9
270	195	Brown Shipley	220		8.0	4.7	...
27	12½	Cantiele	15		½	8.0	4.7
464	313	Cater Allen	388	- 1	25.0	8.6	
76	32	Cattles	66		3.8	7.7	13.0
1275	531	Chase Manh	1087	† + 6	...	...	
1037	587	Cincorp	662	+ 12	...	...	
255	225	Close Bros	255		8.8	4.6	12.2
8575	1500	Commercial Bk	8500	-62	...	0.8	...
2231½	£191½	Deutsche Bk	5223½	-25	...	2.1	...
213	48	First Nat Fin	48	- 5	13.0	...	2.9
355	260	Gerrard Nat	298 †		20.5	9.2	7.9
238	174	HSBC	235	+ 1	...	5.1	...
302	204	Hambros	275		12.8	6.2	9.7
413	350	Joseph (L)	350	- 3	15.8	6.0	...
175	130	King Shaxson	175		10.3	10.0	...
577	349	Kleinwort Ben	524		16.0	6.6	...
409	268	Lloyds	385	-10	15.3	5.3	16.5
63	44	Lon Scot Bk	52		2.7	7.1	10.0
264	150	Midland	235	- 6	9.0	...	...
363	207	Nat Aust Bk	358	+ 1	...	7.2	9.3
357½	247	Nat West	316	- 5	17.5	7.4	
512	390	Provident	477		...	23.5	6.6
46	24	Rea Bros	39		...	0.5	1.7
211	147	Ryl Bk Scot	173	- 6	8.6	6.5	14.2
12	8	Schroders	10½		1.4	1.7	21.5
431	205	Sound Chest	422	- 3	20.0	...	37.1
165	124	TSB	131	- 2	6.4	6.5	...
600	230	Union Disc	266	+ 1	35.0	17.5	4.0
549	314	Warburg SG	548	+ 4	16.0	3.9	13.6
187	109	Wise	140	+ 1	...	4.5	
5800	2506	Wells Fargo	3956	-25	...	0.0	...
222	128	Westpac	216	- 1	...	...	7.2
353	268	Wintrust	268		9.3	4.6	8.0

BREWERIES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
662	460	Allied-Lyons	595	- 5	18.8	4.2	13.2
1066	882	Bass	972	- 5	32.4	4.4	13.0
175	124	Boddington	162		6.0	4.9	11.7
270	173	Bulmer (H P)	269		8.3	4.1	16.7
174	98	Burtonwood Brew	107		3.2	3.3	16.3
245	135	Dewsnap (JA)	209		9.3	5.4	14.7
120	94	Eldridge P 'A'◆	97	+ 1	4.1	...	
84	51	Fosters Brewing	77		...	...	
450	360	Fuller Sm 'A'◆	445	- 5	6.1	1.8	18.1
268	137	Gibbs Mew◆	165	- 3	6.7	...	
861	623	Grand Met	852	- 3	20.4	3.2	14.6
371	274	Greenall Wm	368		10.9	3.6	11.6
490	374	Greene King	470		10.8	3.1	12.3
529	358½	Guinness	524	+ 1	9.3	2.4	15.8
1263	873	Hardy Hanso	1263	+28	33.5	3.6	15.5
424	368	Highland	424		10.0	2.3	23.4
195	140	do-'A' LV◆	140		3.0	2.9	17.4
308	228	Highland Dist	294	- 1	5.5	2.5	20
278	196	Invergordn Dist	266		6.5	3.3	18.9
486	420	Macallan	484		12.1	3.3	13.4
236	185	Mission Throg	229		4.4	2.6	16.3
430	357	Matthew Clark	429		14.0	4.4	13.0
434	346◆	Mrydwn We◆	394		6.2	2.1	18.9
326	231	Marstead	320		6.4	2.0	18.2
1100	557	SA Brewaries	1083	- 7	...	2.3	20.4
428	336	Scot&New	389	+ 1	15.0	5.1	11.0
254	174	Vaux Group	220	+ 1	8.7	5.3	11.2
516	409	Whitbread 'A'	457	+ 1	16.3	4.8	10.9
1575	1138	do-'B'	1338		40.1	3.8	31.8
586	399	Wolverhmpton D	585		10.0	2.3	16.7
475	389	Young 'A'	473		13.0	3.7	21.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
80	40	Abbey	75		...	...	...
41	16	Alfredsons◆	23		...	...	...
142	86	Allen◆	124		4.9	5.3	7.9
260	178	Amec	203	- 5	10.1	6.7	11.7
74	37	Anglia Sec	35		...	...	...
175	77	Ashtead◆	171		4.1	3.2	17.7
260	100	Ainwoods	124	+ 4	5.0	5.7	...
245½	161	BPB Ind	182	+ 3	11.2	8.2	25.3
106	99	Baggeridge Brk	91	+ 1	8.0	4.6	15.1
50	23	Bailey (Nths) Con	28 †		2.0	7.1	14.9
126	29	Barrat Devs	59	+ 2	3.2	7.3	...
195	59	Beazer	114½	-	½	4.0	4.7
277½	192	Bellway	257	- 1	11.0	6.5	11.1
19	3	Bellwinch	3		...	...	...
351	211½	Berkeley Gp	294	+ 1	4.5	2.0	...
153	107	Bett Bros	108		6.4	7.9	7.5
122	80	Blockley	100		4.8	6.4	10.9
280	198	Blue Circle	240	+ 1	11.2	8.3	12.5
698	438	Bo-it (Henry)	688 †		25.0	4.8	8.9
111	69	Brendon PLC	101		4.6	6.1	10.4
141	93	Br Dredging	133		7.4	7.4	14.1
120	66	Bryant	98		6.8	6.5	41.1
105	66	CALA	67		3.4	6.8	...
260	187	CRH	224	- 2	...	3.4	11.0
60	33	Calednod Gty	52		...	3.0	16.0
57	8	Conder Grp	10	+ 1	0.3	4.0	...
40	17	Cooper Clarke◆	20		0.5	3.3	...
223	53	Costain	74	+ 3	12.2	22.1	...
150½	76	Countryside	95	- 1	4.1	5.8	7.5
133	76	Crest Nicholson	98	- 2	7.6	12.6	...
110	53	Cussins	58		3.7	8.6	...
590	295	Douglas (RM)	492		10.5	2.8	11.7
12	1½	Dunmore◆	4½		...	...	...
47½	29	Edmund Hidgs	39½	-	¼	1.8	6.2
168	105	Epwin◆	168		6.4	5.1	11.0
188	82	Ettish	96		3.9	7.9	19.2
266	210	Eve Group◆	253		9.2	5.3	8.2
117	62½	Evered Birdon	65	+ 1	3.6	11.5	11.2
26½	13½	Explaurad◆	17	+ ½	...	...	...
5½	2	Firbin Gp	3½		...	...	...
233	95	Tremont Gp◆	97		8.3	11.7	5.0
104	71	Galliford	91	+ 1	4.3	6.3	14.0
90	80	Gibbs&Dndy O	89		...	...	...
690	583	Glenson Qld	658		10.7	1.7	11.8
110	50	Graham Wood	51		3.5	14.6	2.9
91	48	Harrison Ind	90		3.2	7.5	12.6
109½	64	Hawden-Stuart	95		3.0	4.2	14.6
86	66	Hewetson◆	68		4.5	8.8	9.7
25	20	Heyl&Cott◆	21		...	...	...
308	229	Heywd Wms	288	+ 1	12.5	5.8	16.7
369	158	Higgs&Hill	161	- 1	20.0	16.6	20.6
41	26	How Gp	33		3.8	...	8.0
41	15½	Howard Hidgs	16		0.5	4.2	9.9
124	78	Ibstock Johnsen	95		9.0	8.4	34.3
90	43	Jarvis	43		2.0	...	38.8
347	254	Laing (J)	265	- 2	13.0	6.5	9.5
94	23	Lawrence (W)	40	- 1	4.5	15.8	36.8
61	39	Lilley	42½		2.5	8.0	9.0
155	118	Lon Clydesdale◆	124		7.0	7.5	5.0
205	105	Lovell (Y J)	116		8.9	10.6	3.7
198	133	Mandoe	198		7.0	4.7	14.1
137	87	Marley	120	+ 4	6.3	7.1	10.5
108	82	Marshalls	90	- 1	5.0	7.4	18.4
135	80	Maunders (J)	134	- 1	4.9	4.9	...
308	188	McAlpine (A)	199		...	10.3	6.9
114½	37½	McCarthy&S	71		...	1.0	1.9
498	358	Meyer Int	433	- 2	16.5	5.1	15.4
17	12	Milton Gp◆	15		...	...	...
35p	21p	Mowlem (J)	29p		2.1	0.0	12.7
44	12	NSM	16		0.5	4.2	...
177	112	Newman Tnks	160		9.3	7.8	14.3
304	187	Pentamaran	269	+ 3	8.6	4.3	15.3
55	16	Phoenix Timber	21		0.5	3.3	...
1200	875	Pochins	1200		24.0	2.7	...
201	158	Prowting	176		5.0	3.8	35.8
46	25	Quilcentre◆	35		1.5	5.8	11.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
183	120	Allied Colloids	178	-	1½	3.5	2.6
392	301	Amersham	381	-	2	11.8	4.1
41½	28½	Anglo Ute	38		...	1.3	4.6
245	148	BTP	244	-	¾	8.4	4.6
£100½	£7281	Beyer DM50	£100	+	9	...	4.6
223	120	Blagden	221	+	1	9.5	5.7
167	121	Brent Chems	149			7.4	6.7
128	42	Caird Gp	95			2.3	3.3
169	94	Canning (W)	168			7.2	5.8
203	146	Cepla	165	-	1	11.0	...
218	165	Elliott Everard	191	-	1	7.0	4.9
18	12	Euro Colour	13½			0.6	6.4
124	43	Evode	69			6.4	12.4
276	202	Halstead (J)	276			11.2	4.0
200	95	Hickson	191	-	1	8.0	5.8
432½	679½	Hoechst	786½	-	31	...	7.4
1381	845	ICI	1254	-	17	95.0	5.8
607	435	Laporte	574	+	1	17.8	4.1
351	276	Leigh	283			7.6	3.6
265	136	MTM	244			5.1	2.8
1818	1387	Nosk Hydro	1450	+12		...	26.1
400	312	Peterson Zoch	391 †			10.4	3.5
390	308	do-'A'	383 †			10.4	3.6
220	111	Plysu	225			4.5	2.7
131	72	Rivnuzit◆	131			6.4	4.9
386	203	Revnold	354	-	5	3.3	1.2
17	12	Scientific Speak	14½			...	...
340	204	Wardle Storeys	333			16.0	6.0
20	12	Wernwood◆	18			0.7	0.7
285	215	Wrmbldne R	280			16.3	7.8
507	327	Yorks Chem	507	+	1	13.5	3.0
225	69	Yule Cato	225			4.7	2.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
142	26	Alan Paul◆	26	-	2	3.4	17.4
445	267	Alexon	423	+	1	17.4	5.5
126	58½	Amber Day	123			7.7	6.3
339	239	Argos Plc	328	-	2	6.0	2.5
95	52	Ashley (Laura)	93			0.1	0.1
338	255	Aspreys	298	+	3	4.8	2.2
385	350	Austin Reed	363			15.3	4.3
150	125	Bassle (J) 'A'	150	+	1	5.5	4.9
195	150	Benetalc	161			3.8	3.2
226	73	Burt CP◆	215	-10		2.3	1.4
111	369	Blacks Leis	111	+	2	3.2	3.9
314	178	Body Shop	305	+	3	2.7	0.9
38½	5	Brown&Jackson	6	† -	½	1.9	...
281	183	Brown (N)	281			5.6	2.7
94¼	30	Burton	46½	-	1½	3.0	8.6
186	113	Cannes 'A'	184			2.9	...
355	275	Church	318			12.5	3.2
193	99	Coats Viyella	191	-	1	7.0	5.0
165	109	Colourwave◆	120			5.6	6.2
330	154	Comm Furnish	334			5.0	2.3
220	152	Crown Eyed	203	† -	4	3.5	2.0
32	17½	Dewhirst (J)	27			0.6	3.2
274	125	Dixons Gp	250			5.8	3.1
520	283	Dunhill	479	-	2	7.0	1.9
37	11	ERA Gp	17				
800	695	Elys (Wimbldn)	780	†		16.0	2.7
248	87	Etam	241	-	4	5.8	3.3
19	9½	Fields (Mnsh◆	10	#			
380	212	Fine Art Dev	380			9.8	3.4
95	60	First Exarts Tiles	90			4.0	3.6
454	338	Forminster	453			11.7	3.5
67½	29	French Conn◆	38			2.7	9.5
87	38	Gabbetts◆	85			4.2	6.7
76	41	Gent SR	54			2.0	4.9
59	32	Goldsmiths Gp	46			3.0	8.5
2000	1350	GUS	1988			357.5	27.5
1455	1048	do-'A'	1373	-16		37.5	3.7
32	20	Hampden Hse◆	30	-	1	0.2	0.9
314	153	Hartmarx	301	+	2	6.4	1.9
29½	12	Helene Plc	23	+	½	2.0	12.0
35	16	Heritage◆	23				
179	83	Hogg Robinson	177			5.5	4.2
19	11	Holden	17			1.2	9.4
50	20	Honeycombe◆	28				
136	90	Hse of Lennox	131	†		10.3	10.5
208	139	Jacques Vert	194			10.0	6.9
582	359	Kingfisher	565	+	2	12.2	2.9
86	61	Leslie Wse Gp	67			4.0	8.0
660	410	Liberty	660			8.0	7.0
297	213½	Marks Spencer	288	-	3	6.7	3.1
467	294	Menzies (John)	449			9.4	2.8
135	113	Moss Bros	129			5.0	5.2
62½	11½	Next	60			0.7	
120½	94	Oliver (J)	94	† -		5.5	14.1
171	101	Pentos	162			2.5	2.1
119	72	Pepe Group◆	118			4.0	4.5
247	135	QS Hldgs	230			4.3	2.5
191	68	Rumery Group	77	-	3	10.0	17.3
145	99	S&U Stores	140			7.5	3.8
743	330	Sherwood Gp◆	715	-	3	9.1	1.7
104½	71	Sears	102½			5.3	7.0
478	301	Smith WH 'A'	467	+	1	12.5	3.6
79	44	Mied	60				
94	75	MMT Comp◆	83			3.0	4.8
1818	530	Moles	530				
127	70	Molyns	103			4.0	5.5
250	118	MYL Instr◆	250			2.0	1.5
93	48	Mulitone Elec	81	+	1	2.0	3.3
68	45	Murray Enter	68	+2			
4675	3900	NYNEX	4450	-37			
107	75	Newmark (L)	67				
100	75	Normalair	90			0.7	2.3
81	40	Northernber	44			2.5	7.8
19	10	Oceanic	12				
275	227	Oxford Inst	252			4.1	2.2
195	128	P.E. Interntl	173			6.2	4.8
147	50	PSP	59	+	1	4.2	9.6
51	43	Peck	91			3.4	7.6
201	145	Pegasus◆	174	+	1	12.1	9.8
6200	6300	Philips Fin 4%&200		+200			7.0

ELECTRICALS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
151	90	AB Elec	96	† +	2	0.1	0.1
150	73	ACT Group	145			3.7	3.4
203	168	Acal◆	203			5.4	3.5
16	11	Acorn Comp◆	12				13.8
345	220	Admiral	310			4.2	1.8
120	63	Alba	115			4.3	5.0
8	2½	Alphameric	3¼				
93	31½	Amscad	37			1.4	5.0
107½	90	App Holo◆	75				
36	13	Arden	21	-	1	0.5	3.2
30	8	Asec	15				
270	124	Auto Sec	267	-	6	4.9	5.1
275	168	Beales Hunter	265			9.1	4.6
58	39½	Bennett&Fount	51				
478	325	BICC	353	-	2	19.2	7.3
304	154	Bibb	304	+	2	7.0	3.1
3900	1460	Bicknell◆	3850	+200			
239	175	Bowthorpe	218	†		5.7	3.5
423½	268	BT	366½	-	15½	13.3	4.9
14½	7	Bulgin (A P) 'A'	9½			0.1	1.4
202	142	Burndtld	142			6.0	5.6
621	429	Cable Wireless	554	-	10	11.8	3.8
226	152	Cambridge Elc	220	+	1	10.9	6.6
22	11	Chloride	13½	+	½		
260	131	CML Micro◆	253			2.9	1.9
194	102	Comptr People	102			6.2	6.8
18	10	Cranborne◆	18	+	1		
61	46	Cray Elect	59				
451	276	Delta	430	-	1	14.0	4.3
164	135	Dennison Elc◆	150			5.6	5.0
388½	161½	Domino	381	+	2	9.4	4.8
69	49	Dowding Mills	65			6.4	4.9
723	460	Druck◆	723			8.8	1.6
87	62	EMC	74			1.0	1.9
288	193	Electrocompons	266	+	3	6.6	3.3
254	172	El Desc Prd	244	+	4	9.0	3.7
400	250	Sems Gp	251			2.5	1.3
140	85	Sherwd Comp◆	127			5.2	3.5
53	30	Sherton	38			3.0	3.1
52	18	Sirtec Semicdctr	37			2.2	7.9
78	36	FKI	70	+	2	3.3	6.3
240	156	Farnell Elect	228	† -		6.0	3.6
26	21	Feedback◆	22			1.7	1.3
33	15½	Ferranti	17½				
821	608	THORN EMI	808			30.5	5.0
16	10	Total Systems◆	15				
199	102	Transtd	169			5.0	3.9
306	152	Unitech	258			11.7	6.0
58	35	Utd Scientific	37			2.0	7.2
18	9½	Vitech	15			0.2	1.8
414	251	Wardbone	382	-	2	5.2	1.8
295	221	Volex	294	-	1	17.0	7.7
27	10	Western Selectn	17			1.0	7.8
41	12	Wimbldn◆	13				
395	283	Wholesale Pgr	337	-	4	16.6	6.6

ELECTRICITY

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
295	213	East Midlands	254	-	3	15.0	6.3
271	204½	Eastern Elect	240	-	5	14.4	6.2
124½	105	Hydro-Elec	109	-	3	9.1	4.9
295	206	London Elec	280	-	2	14.9	6.0
344	230½	Manweb	299	-	9	16.0	5.8
295	206	Midlands Elec	266½	-	1½	15.0	6.0
295	213	Northern Elec	267	-	3	16.2	6.4
311	213	Norweb	279	-	2	15.6	6.0
119½	100	Scottish Power	106½	-	2	9.2	5.0
295	204	Seeboard	262	-	4	14.7	5.9
306	224	Sth Wales	312	-	3	16.9	5.9
303	209	Sth Western	262	-	5	15.2	6.1
290	208½	Southern Elec	258	+	1	14.4	5.9
322	237	Yorkshire Elec	293	-	2	15.4	5.7
£2810	£1425	Package Unit	£2650	-3000			6.2
170	130	National Power	155½	-	5	8.3	4.7
179	112	PowerGen	161	-	5	8.3	4.7

DRAPERY, STORES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1131	587	do- Lmp nv	1023	-	4	...	
366	227	Pitco	357		...	3.7	5.2
357	194	do-'A' Voting	302		...	2.7	3.4
71	48	Pizzaexp◆	51		...	3.6	...
111	78	Pizzaz	80	†	...	2.4	4.0
92	60	Polly◆	89	+10	...	2.4	4.0
60	46	Rental Elect	57		...	3.1	8.7
58	39½	Radios◆	40		...	2.7	9.0
123	45	Real Time◆	104		...	3.0	3.8
53	28	Reed	38		...	...	21.9
200	180	Sage Gp	274		...	7.0	3.4
90	41	Scantronic	88		...	2.9	7.9
135	78	Scholes Grp	117		...	5.0	5.7
490	250	Sems Gp	251		...	2.5	1.3
140	85	Sherwd Comp◆	127		...	5.2	3.5
53	30	Sherton	38		...	3.0	3.1
135	86	Smiths Indstrs◆	87		...	2.2	7.9
157	9	Nat Home Loan	9½	-	1	9.0	40.0
93	45	Sinclair Scient◆	67		...	3.0	
368	141	Smithkline Bee◆	345		...	8.0	23.9
22	9	Rmland Tst	13		...	0.8	8.2
85	48	Silvermines Plc	71	-	2		7.1
56	33	SingerhFried	46		...	2.5	7.2
875	538	Sotheby's	750	+25			7.5
85	58	SIP Group	83	+	1	3.0	4.8
262	168	Templin Gbrth	262		...	...	2.9

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1787	966	Amer Express	1093	†	-31	...	
262	210	Elcaza	224	-	5	6.1	3.6
705	535	Henderson Ad	663	-	2	37.5	7.5
111	58	Invesco MIM	102	+	2	6.0	7.8
127	87	MAI	127	+	1	5.5	5.8
888	453	MAM	888	+	5	25.0	3.8
1600	355	Mdlnd	1570	+	10	17.0	4.0

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Share shops add confusion to sale

Judging from the comments of potential BT share buyers, the government has managed to add an extra layer of confusion to this year's Christmas giveaway. Previously, those wanting to buy shares in government issues have had to register. This time they are also asked to choose one of eight share shops.

How do I choose? readers ask. And why do I have to choose before I know what they are going to charge?

The answer is that it does not matter which they choose. They will be able to deal at the cheapest rate using the cut-price vouchers, even if they have selected the most expensive share shop on the registration form.

The dealing rates will not be revealed until after registration closes in mid-November. However, the four vouchers issued with interim certificates to allow two cheap share sells and two cheap share buys can be used at any of the share shops for three months. Not that vouchers will be necessary. Several, if not all, of the share shops are expected to offer cheap dealing to anyone, with or without vouchers, for that period on the shares they have listed for the scheme.

This might not be what the Chancellor intended when he announced share shops with a flourish in the Budget. But it will be a tremendous help to all those people who have felt trapped in privatisation shares by high commission rates that would just about wipe out profits on small holdings.

Now they will be able to sell, and they will not need to register at all, as brokers outside the share shop system will be doing their best to match or better the rates offered by the eight. This will be particularly helpful for people who do not want to buy BT but do want lower commission rates.

The eight share shops will also want to ensure that the public understands what they are charging and what services they are offering for the money. All this will be revealed after registration closes.

The initial choice could restrict a little, though. Those who want to deal on day one, before they receive their certificates, might find that their share shop will not do this or that the service will be offered only to applicants who registered with the share shop offering the service.

A debate this week organised by The Financial Exchange argued the motion: "This house believes that share shops will take advantage of an uneducated public." Proposed by Chris Smith, Labour frontbencher, and Philip Warland, director general of the Unit Trust Association, the motion was defeated by 24 votes to 19. There were 17 abstentions.



COMMENT

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Loan vetting

Abbey National is set to vet the clients of mortgage brokers who want to borrow more than 90 per cent of the value of a property from the New Year. And about time too. The Council of Mortgage Lenders has known for a long time that business introduced by brokers carries a higher risk of turning bad.

With repossessions and arrears at an all-time high the former building society, along with other lenders, is concerned about the quality of new business.

The applicants will be interviewed initially by branch managers and will then have to detail their income and outgoings. This gives the Abbey a direct relationship with the applicant and should allow managers to use their well-honed instincts to detect any embellishers of the truth.

The preparation of household accounts for such a meeting is something that could be recommended for all mortgage applicants. They would then have a clearer idea of what they could afford. Many people have not bothered to calculate their total outgoings. They might be able to add up direct debits or standing orders but when it comes to detailing what they spend on gas, electricity or the telephone each week or month they have not the slightest idea.

Too many people have been willing in the past to blame building societies and banks for getting them into debt.

Even when rates are falling, borrowers have to allow for increases and should not assume that the income ratios used by lenders automatically mean they will be able to afford the loan.

The interview might delay the mortgage a little but few people are competing to buy properties, so there is little danger of being gazumped while the process is being carried out.

It is up to borrowers to check what they can really afford and reasonable for lenders to make sure that they are told the whole truth.

Ernie waits patiently for 162,000 missing winners

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Windfall: Gerry Wolstenholme brings glad tidings

ERNIE, the random Premium Bond number picker, gave away £11,719,950 yesterday but many of the prizes will never reach the winners. There are 161,885 prizes worth £9,187,750 on the unclaimed prizes list. Many thousands more are in limbo.

Every month, thousands of letters sent to winners are returned "not known at this address". The Bonds & Stock Office then has 18 months to trace the missing winners before they go on the unclaimed bonds lists in all Crown Post Offices. Three quarters of the missing winners are found within this period.

The greatest effort goes into tracing the big prize winners who have moved without giving the office their new address. None of the jackpot prizes of £250,000, £100,000 or £50,000 has ever made it to the missing prizewinner list, although there are seven unclaimed £5,000 prizes.

Because the terms and conditions of Premium Bonds promise privacy to winners, the office cannot advertise the names of winners asking for their whereabouts.

Yesterday was the 35th anniversary of the launching of the Premium Bonds scheme. The longest standing of the unclaimed £5,000 prizes dates back to 1975. The bond was bought in Cumbria in 1961 and the winner then moved to London. He did not, however, tell the Bonds & Stock Office when he moved on again.

Another London winner bought a block of £80 bonds on May 31, 1963. One of these came up in December 1977 — its number is SK 744260 — but the holder does not know. A third London winner has had £5,000 waiting since 1979.

A bondholder who bought one £1 bond in July 1957 in Kent is also due £5,000. Other £5,000 winners were last heard of in Merseyside, Ayrshire and Surrey.

Most of the money waiting for claimants is in £50 prizes, although there are some £1,000, £500 and £100 prizes, as well as old, unclaimed £25 ones.

Often, people who inform the office of a change of address receive notification by return of one or more prizes. A check is automatically made of outstanding winners.

Sometimes people die without knowing they have won prizes. If the prize was drawn within 12 months of their deaths, it is paid to their estates. After that, if the prize was £5,000, the first of the £1,000 winners from that draw would receive an extra £4,000, and so on until the money was exhausted.

If there is no claim, and the bond office finds a winner has died more than 12 months before the bond was picked, the prize may go to another winner.

The list of unclaimed prizes printed in the *London Gazette* is updated every quarter. The October edition is due in Post Offices shortly.

It is much easier for anyone who has moved house, spent some time abroad, or changed his or her name to write to Premium Bonds, National Savings, Lytham St Annes, Lancashire, FYO 1YN, giving a list of all bonds held. Many winners do not bother to claim their prizes or cash the warrants they are sent. Gerry Wolstenholme, prize draw manager for Premium Bonds, had to visit one person recently who had not cashed 20 prizes of various sizes. They dated back over several years. After the meeting the bondholder finally went to the trouble of cashing his prizes.

Each month, 206,000 prizes are selected by Ernie from the £2,364.5 million of bonds held by 23.7 million people. The office sends letters and crossed warrants to the winners of the £50 and £100 prizes. The holders of bonds that have won most of the larger prizes are asked to send their bonds to the Blackpool office so that they can be checked. A crossed warrant is then sent to the winner. The winners of the weekly £25,000, £50,000 and £100,000 prizes are visited by a Premium Bond official. So is the monthly £250,000 jackpot winner.

The big monthly winner should be visited before the bond number and location are published but the weekly prizewinners are visited on the following Monday. "Very few people check their numbers," Mr Wolstenholme says. "Ninety-five per cent are surprised. They often do not know that the prize has been won by someone locally."

Before the officials set out, Mr Wolstenholme checks the records for when the bond was bought and the last notification of address.

"We have to talk to winners alone to tell them of their wins, but first we have to make sure we are talking to the right people. I went to see last Saturday's £50,000 prizewinner. When I said I was from National Savings, he said, 'Thank you very much, I don't want any' and tried to close the door. I told him I thought he would want to talk to me and we went inside."

The prize branch staff usually ask to see the winning bond but, most importantly, need to establish that the person they see is the winner. In some cases the winner has died a long time before the bond was picked and the prize has to go to the next number selected by Ernie.

The need for secrecy can cause difficulties. Mr Wolstenholme was nearly thrown out by one father when he insisted he wanted to see his 16-year-old daughter alone. When he went to tell a woman of 95 in a nursing home of her £250,000 win it took some time to persuade the staff to leave them alone.

Although the department does not give financial advice to big winners, it does tell them to bank the warrant at once. The nonagenarian woman was taken to her bank by Mr Wolstenholme.

☐ National Savings, which offers Premium Bonds, also wants to hear from savers who have not cashed in savings certificates dating back to 1939 and reinvested them. Matured certificates are paid the general extension rate of 5.01 per cent.

This compares with the 36th issue which is guaranteeing to pay 8.5 per cent over five years tax-free. The issue could soon be withdrawn and replaced with a 37th paying 7.5 per cent.

Fortune in shares lies dormant in holding accounts

HUNDREDS of millions of pounds in shares, dividends and income from unit trusts is lying unclaimed in company holding accounts across the country, uninvested and earning no income for the rightful recipients (Sara McConnell writes).

Some holders of shares or unit trusts cannot be traced because they have moved leaving no forwarding address. Banks sometimes refuse to give out new addresses on the grounds of confidentiality. In other cases the company has not been notified of the death of a holder. Registrars need a death certificate and a grant of probate before they can pay out dividends or income to inheriting relatives.

After 12 years, most companies take unclaimed dividends back, as do trustees of unit trusts and absorb income back into the fund.

TSB is waiting to pay out £1.25 million in unclaimed dividends that have accumulated since the group was floated in September 1986. The bank has calculated that anyone who has held the minimum of 220 shares since the flotation who has not cashed dividend cheques would be owed £70 including the 10 per cent bonus for holding on to the shares.

Henry Stephens, the TSB Group's assistant company secretary, said: "The letters come back marked 'not known at this address'. In other case, cheques are never presented. Small cheques are often forgotten, put in handbags or wallets. In some cases relatives clearing out an elderly person's affairs after death will find a whole pile of dividend warrants which have never been banked."

TSB hangs on to dividend money and waits for it to be claimed rather than chasing people up to tell them of their unknown wealth. Mr Stephens estimated that it could cost up to £10 to chase up an uncashed dividend cheque for £2.50. Dividend cheques are normally only valid for six months but TSB will re-date cheques that are more than a year old.

The Abbey National, whose controversial flotation took place in July 1989, paid its first dividend in April 1990. Of 5.5 million shareholders, there are still 200,000 people who have not claimed their money. No figures were available for the amounts of money this represents. A further 396,000 members of the former building society, who were eligible for free shares in the flotation, have failed to take up shares totalling £100 million at today's price. The shares have more than doubled in value since the flotation.

Phil Hallatt, the Abbey's manager of share services, does not believe people failed to claim shares because they disapproved of the flotation: "There is a small number of people who do not want to be bothered about holding shares but the vast majority just will not realise the shares are there."

More shareholders are now receiving dividend cheques from privatisation issues but, because allocations have been massively scaled down, most dividends are only a few pounds. Lloyds, which handles the share registers of BT, Abbey, TSB, six of the 12 electricity companies and six of the 12 water companies, said many people put away dividend cheques in a drawer and forgot about them.

Roger Casterton, a senior registrar at Lloyds, said some thought they were being sent a bill for shares when they received a dividend cheque. They promptly wrote a cheque for the value of the dividends.

Unit trust companies also have large amounts of unclaimed income generated by holdings in income funds. M&G, the largest fund management group, has 500,000 unitholders in income paying funds and £750,000 waiting to be paid. Paul Herbert, a director of M&G Securities and chief registrar, estimated that unclaimed income on some holdings could be up to £2,000.

Save & Prosper has 86,000 outstanding distributions totalling £1.3 million, while Fidelity is waiting to pay £205,000 in income from its ten income funds.

Invesco MIM has no current address for 12,000 of its unitholders. Seven years ago, an MIM unitholder died leaving £3,000 in trusts, said Keith Crowley, MIM's marketing director. MIM took four years to find the new legal owner, who owned £3,000 in unit trusts, a lump sum of £700 in unclaimed dividends and a further £300 for that year's dividend payout.

Pension schemes fail on form-filling

By SARA MCCONNELL

RETIRED people trying to trace lost benefits from company pensions could face delays in obtaining information even if they approach the new Pensions Tracing Registry. The registry says 80 per cent of schemes have filled in forms incorrectly so that details cannot be entered on the central database.

The registry said: "The standard of the forms is not good and a lot of people are missing information out. For example, a lot of people don't tell us the name of the trustees. This means further delays for people, but we initially telephone, then send a letter. We don't just leave it."

Under the Social Security Act 1990, all company schemes have to register so that lost pension benefits can be traced more easily.

The registry has sent out 600,000 forms but so far it has received only 158,000 back. Although the deadline for returning the forms was meant to be the end of July, the registry hopes that all will be returned by the end of November. After that, schemes which do not give details could face fines of up to £400.

Despite this unenthusiastic response, the registry has managed to trace scheme administrators for 327 of the 540 people who have approached it since it started in July.

However, once the registry has traced the name, current address and trustee of the scheme, it is up to the individual to approach the company direct for any pension entitlement. The registry said divorced or separated women could also approach the tracing service as a first step to tracking down any frozen widow's pension.

There are no figures for the amounts of money left frozen in company pension schemes.

Margaret Grainger, chairman of the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service (Opas), said she was "sure it was millions". Opas is a voluntary organisation that gives free advice on pension problems, and among other things, helps trace lost benefits.

Joe Robertson, Opas technical officer, said: "People tend to have forgotten about lost pension benefits. They often find out that the company is not in existence, the offices have been demolished and they have lost touch with colleagues."

In one case outlined in Opas's annual report published this week, it took a man a year and a half to trace who was responsible for paying his frozen pension. An Opas adviser discovered a copy of the Certificate of Membership issued in 1965 and recognised it as being from a leading insurance company. The insurer arranged for the pension to be paid from July 1990, after the man had retired in January 1989.

Opas does not deal with state pensions. But the National Audit Office said in a report to Parliament on the collection and recording of national insurance contributions this week that in the year 1989-90 18 per cent of the 760,000 people eligible for a retirement pension did not get it because the Department of Social Security did not have the right address.

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Homes come under the hammer

By JILL INSLEY

MORE and more homes repossessed by building societies and other lenders are being sold by auction. Buyers who have already arranged mortgages can pick up bargains.

The depression in the housing market has given a fillip to the auction market. Last week, Halifax Building Society announced that it was putting some of its 9,000 repossessed properties up for auction in a final attempt to sell them.

Buyers, too, are showing growing interest in auctions. Bill McClintock, managing director of Royal Life Estates (South) which includes Barnard Marcus auctions, says the auction house sends out an average of 10,000 catalogues for each sale.

Catalogues are usually published four weeks before an auction. Would-be buyers should obtain details and inspect properties that interest them. Then surveys and mortgages must be arranged.

A solicitor should check for special conditions of sale, title-deeds and, if applicable, the lease of the chosen property. No checks can guarantee, of course, that the bidder will get the home he wants. An auction is by definition competitive. Somebody will lose out, having spent hundreds of pounds for nothing.

Several others might have conducted checks and surveys on the same property and be in a position to make higher bids. On the other hand, if bidding does not reach the reserve, or minimum price, set by the seller, the property will be withdrawn from the sale.

Mr McClintock advises a would-be bidder to decide the price he is prepared to pay well before the auction. "Write that price on a piece of paper and put it in your pocket," he says. "Do not bid above it. If you buy below it, your heart may miss a beat when the hammer falls but you will have acquired the house you want at a reasonable price."

That hammer-fall means the buyer has effectively exchanged contracts and is obliged to put down a deposit of 10 per cent of the price bid. Robert Scott, senior property director of London solicitors Bird & Bird, says: "The bidder is bound to buy the property even if he has not arranged his mortgage or had the survey done."

The completion date is set out in the special conditions of the auction brochure; it is usually four weeks after the sale. This fixed completion date makes buying a home at an auction almost impossible for an existing homeowner, unless he is prepared to risk the expense of a bridging loan.

Mr Scott says: "There is virtually no chance of dovetailing a sale and a purchase if the bidder is in a chain." He points out, however, that solicitors' fees might be lower because negotiations over completion dates are minimal. Also, many sellers provide packages of information, including search results, title deeds and replies to standard enquiries, needed by buyers' solicitors.

ALAN WELLER



It is an ill wind: bargain hunters prepare to bid for repossessed homes at an auction in Hendon, north London

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Pocket money climbs to average of £1.40

By LINDSAY COOK

CHILDREN have fared better in the recession than their parents, according to Halifax Building Society's annual survey of children's earnings and savings. Pocket money has increased by 27 per cent to an average of £1.40 for children aged 11 and under.

Youngsters in the North continue to receive the highest weekly allowance – £1.80; those in the Southeast receive £1. An increasing number of children, though, are having to work for the money. Fifty-one per cent earn all or part of their pocket money, compared with 44 per cent last year. Scotland is the area where the largest proportion of children – 59 per cent – are expected to work for their money. Washing up, tidying and making their own beds are the commonest jobs.

The survey is based on more than 2,000 questionnaires completed by young savers in the Halifax LittleXtra Club. Only 9 per cent of respondents admitted spending all their money each week. More than 70 per cent said they saved more than they spent; 23 per cent claimed to save everything.

Computer equipment, bicycles, holidays and toys are the main goals of children's savings. Sweets account for most weekly spending, although their attraction is waning. Some 42 per cent of respondents admitted to a sweet tooth this year compared with 48 per cent in 1990.

Jim Birrell, Halifax chief executive, said: "Once again, younger children have shown themselves to be very conscientious with their money, which bodes well for the future. We now have over a million LittleXtra Club members, but only about half have registered to receive interest gross on their savings. Parents should register on their children's behalf without further delay to prevent tax being deducted unnecessarily."

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☐ Fidelity Investments raised £51.87 million with the launch of European Values, its first investment trust. Of this, £20.4 million of applications were received from the public with two-thirds of the shares bought through a tax-free personal equity plan. The fund was the third largest new issue of the 20 investment trusts launched this year. Dealings will start next Wednesday.

☐ Girobank customers who introduce a friend to the bank's Keyway current account will have £10 paid into their own account, as long as it is in credit. New Keyway customers who are introduced in this way will also have £10 paid into their account as long as they arrange for their monthly salary or pension to be paid directly into their account. Existing account holders can nominate up to five people in this way, using the special form which they will receive with their bank statement.

☐ Rates have increased on the Offshore Key Extra account run by Yorkshire Guernsey, the offshore subsidiary of the Yorkshire Building Society. Balances of more than £5,000 now earn 10.75 per cent, up from 10.5 per cent, while balances of between £10,000 and £25,000 now earn 11.25 per cent instead of 11 per cent. The largest balances of £50,000 and over will now earn 12.25 per cent instead of 11.95 per cent. All interest on this account is paid gross.

☐ The Scarborough Building Society is now offering its Ambassador postal account to existing investors. Customers with First Post postal accounts are being sent details of the bond, which has a fixed rate for a range of terms from six months to three years. The minimum investment is £2,000. Balances of between £2,000 and £9,999 earn a fixed rate of 10 per cent gross, 7.5 per cent net. The top payout is on balances of between £25,000 and £100,000, where the bond pays 10.25 per cent gross, 7.68 per cent net. Savers can receive this fixed rate over a term of six months, or one, two or three years.

☐ A new account from the Lambeth building society offers immediate access to funds as long as at least £4,000 is left with the society. The Regent Shares account will pay 9.75 per cent gross, 7.31 per cent net on balances of between £250 and £10,000. On balances of between £10,000 and £30,000 the rate is 10 per cent gross, 7.5 per cent net. The highest rate of 10.25 per cent gross, 7.69 per cent net is paid on balances of between £30,000 and £150,000. If savers want to leave less than £4,000 in their account, the society needs 60 days' notice.

☐ Sun Life of Canada has reissued its booklet, *Key Facts about Employee Benefits*. This condenses legislation from the Department of Social Security, the Inland Revenue and the Superannuation Funds Office. The booklet is mainly aimed at professional advisers, accountants, solicitors and personnel managers. The booklet is available free from Sun Life of Canada's sales department, Basing View, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG21 2DZ. Telephone 0800 525355.

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Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Bal	Weekly Total
1	+5	+4	+4	+5	+2		
2	+2	+3	+4	+4	+7		
3	+4	+8	+6	+5	+3		
4	+6	+4	+3	+3	+3		
5	+5	+9	+6	+4	+4		
6	+3	+4	+4	+4	+6		
7	+4	+5	+2	+8	+4		
8	+6	+3	+3	+5	+2		
9	+4	+8	+7	+5	+4		
10	+3	+4	+3	+8	+3		
11	+3	+5	+3	+7	+2		
12	+4	+9	+5	+5	+3		
13	+2	+6	+2	+7	+3		
14	+2	+4	+4	+5	+5		
15	+5	+3	+3	+4	+3		
16	+3	+7	+6	+5	+3		
17	+7	+3	+3	+4	+2		
18	+5	+8	+5	+4	+5		
19	+1	+4	+5	+4	+5		
20	+5	+5	+4	+4	+1		
21	+3	+8	+5	+6	+4		
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24	+2	+3	+4	+4	+5		
25	+7	+4	+3	+3	+2		
26	+5	+8	+6	+6	+5		
27	+3	+6	+3	+8	+2		
28	+2	+3	+5	+5	+6		
29	+6	+5	+3	+4	+2		
30	+1	+2	+4	+4	+6		
31	+4	+9	+7	+5	+4		
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39	+4	+7	+7	+6	+5		
40	+3	+4	+2	+6	+3		
41	+7	+4	+3	+3	+2		
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Lower interest rates could turn losses into profits

Shine comes back to gilts market



INVESTORS in index-linked gilts have had little to cheer about recently. The securities have been unfashionable with stockbrokers since the government started to bring inflation under control, and a severe lack of liquidity has deterred larger investors.

Roger Bootle, executive director of Greenwell Montagu, the specialist gilts broker, believes, however, that the situation is about to change: "The trend towards lower interest rates over the next decade could lead to profits in fixed-interest securities in general, and in index-linked bonds in particular."

This will be welcome news to long-term investors. Since the first index-linked stock was launched ten years ago, the market has earned a reputation for volatility that has left some investors nursing heavy losses.

Index-linked gilts are hybrid offshoots of the more "conventional" government bond. Like their counterparts, they pay out interest half-yearly and mature on a predetermined date. Prices fluctuate on the London Stock Exchange, in response to swings in supply and demand, although the market is small and relatively illiquid.

Unlike conventional gilts, however, both the regular interest payments and the original lump sum are guaranteed to outpace the rate of inflation by the time the bond is redeemed. This makes them extremely attractive to investors who want to protect their capital from the ravages of inflation, particularly when the return on other securities is falling in "real" or inflation-adjusted terms. Gilt prices, which tend to rise when investors fear the worst on inflation, should normally fall when inflation stabilises or falls. There are 12 index-linked stocks in issue, offering a variety of interest rates and spanning a range of maturity dates. All are available through the National Savings Stock Register, which offers a cheaper dealing alternative to stockbroker commissions and pays interest gross automatically.

Much of the total return on an index-linked gilt comes not from the interest but from capital gains, which are free of tax, whether the bond is purchased through the register or not.

Capital gains, however, have not always been forthcoming. After stripping out the effects of inflation, yields on index-linked gilts have risen steadily almost since the day the first stock was issued.

When the government decided to fight inflation by raising interest rates, yields on index-linked gilts also had to rise to stay competitive. This meant prices had to come down. Mr Bootle says real yields on index-linked gilts, at about 4.2 per cent, are now close to their all-time high and are poised to fall. He says that gilts, both conventional and index-linked, stand to gain the most as inflation and interest rates fall across Europe. "Index-linked gilts will benefit from lower interest rates, and because of their higher volatility, could even outperform conventional stocks," he said. This is despite economists appearing to agree that inflation will continue to fall throughout the decade, as European economies move closer to monetary union.

The one event that could throw a spanner in the works, is the prospect of a Labour government for the first time since 1979.

While this might cause economists to review the prospects for conventional gilts, index-linked stocks are more likely to attract the bulls. As the next election looms, analysts are likely to place a premium on instruments that carry an inflation-proof guarantee.

Before the 1983 and 198" elections, real yields on index-linked stocks fell as investors rushed to hedge their political bets, before rising again once the return of the Conservatives looked certain.

Eric Hathorn, of Henderson Crosthwaite, the stockbroker, said: "For those who want to protect themselves against either political risk or inflation, short-dated index-linked gilts offer great value. It is a sensible precaution to hold index-linked gilts throughout the life of a Labour government."

He currently recommends Treasury 2½% 2003, and Treasury 2% 2006, which provide real returns of just more than 4 per cent if held to redemption.

RICHARD IRVING

Change in tax codes brings double sting

By SARA MCCONNELL

DRIVERS of company cars could pay twice for the privilege from 1993, when a new tax collection system comes into operation. The Inland Revenue is looking forward to a windfall of £250 million in 1993-4 as 250,000 employees start paying tax on benefits in monthly instalments during the tax year rather than at the end of it.

The windfall could be even larger in subsequent years, as benefits rise and with them the tax payable.

The Treasury this week approved the introduction of a new K code for employees who receive taxable benefits such as company cars and private medical insurance. The code extends the pay as you earn (Paye) system for those whose tax bill for benefits is more than their personal allowances.

The Revenue said anyone with a company car worth more than £19,250 with petrol, and travelling less than 18,000 miles a year for work, would probably be affected.

From April 6, 1993, employees who owe extra tax on benefits will have it collected through the new code. The amount indicated by the code will be added to cash pay and the total taxed.

At the moment, employees pay tax on benefits after the end of the tax year. The employer reports the benefits to the Revenue on a form P11D and normally tells the employee, who records it on his tax return.

In 1993, many employees who are given a new K code will also have to pay off tax from the previous year under the P11D system. The Inland Revenue said: "In the first year, people might pay two lots of tax if they have an outstanding sum under the old system and their benefits in kind are larger than their personal allowance."

Pensioners whose state retirement pensions exceed their personal tax allowances will also receive a K coding, replacing the existing F code. F codes collect tax at special rates above the basic rate, on earnings and occupational pensions.

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1973	2,880	3,392	3,925
1974	3,360	4,152	2,917
1975	3,840	4,956	4,429
1976	4,320	5,808	4,584
1977	4,800	6,719	6,146
1978	5,280	7,657	7,404
1979	5,760	8,820	10,136
1980	6,240	10,262	15,413
1981	6,720	11,731	15,477
1982	7,200	13,289	19,604
1983	7,680	14,772	27,695
1984	8,160	16,438	32,661
1985	8,640	18,400	34,567
1986	9,120	20,355	44,573
1987	9,600	22,433	40,020
1988	10,080	24,536	47,374
1989	10,560	27,355	66,847
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Notes: All figures include re-invested income net of basic-rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (Source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics).
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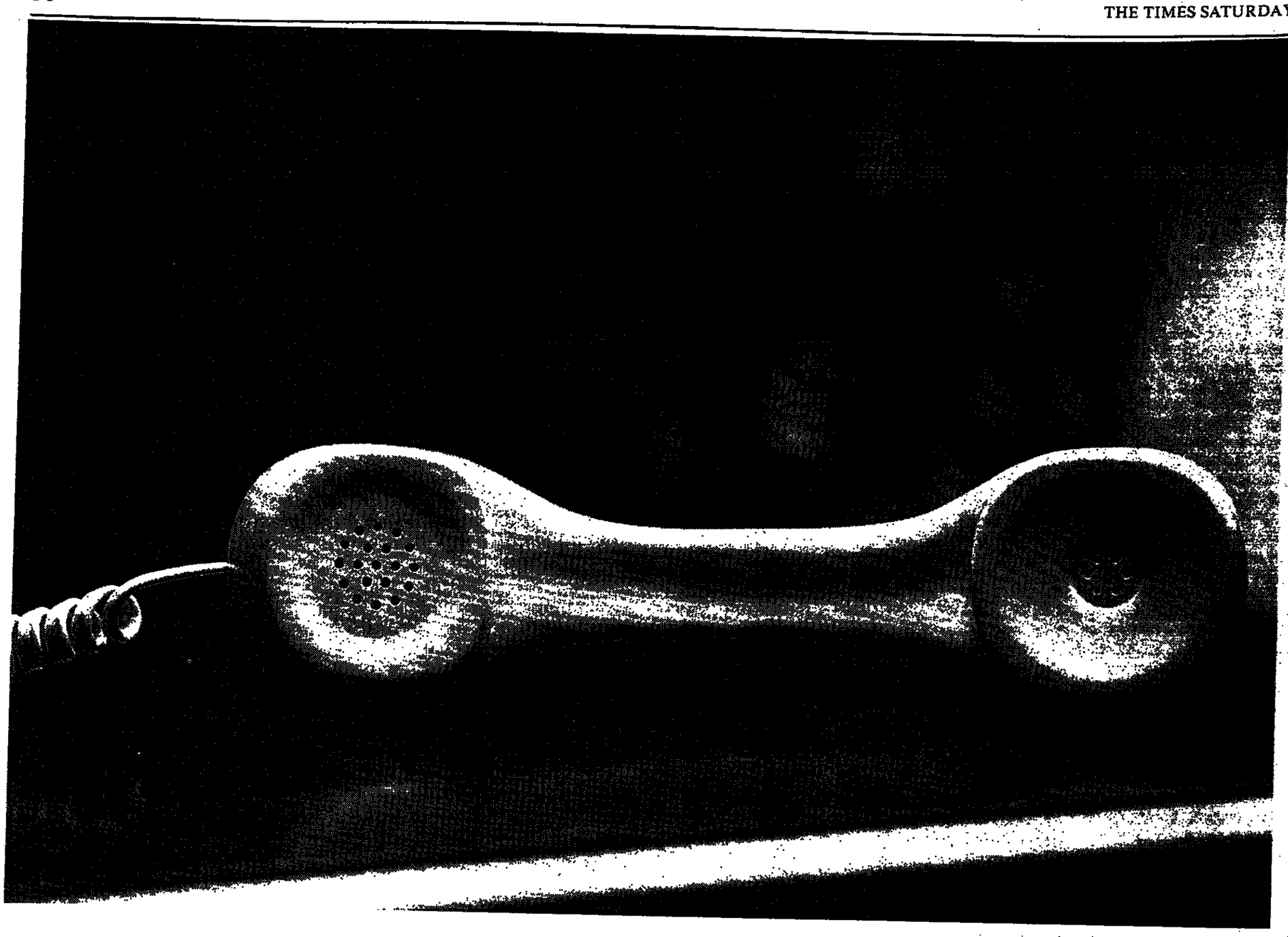
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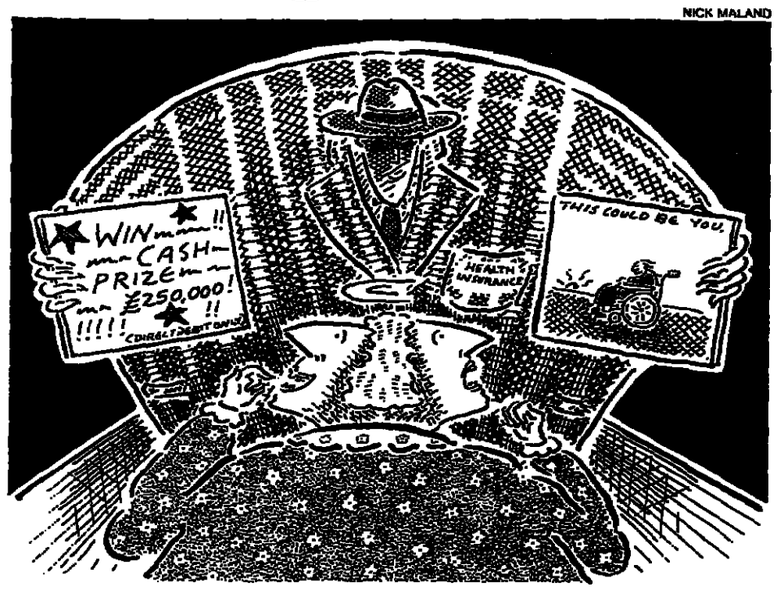
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Health care given the hard sell

By BARBARA ELLIS

NICK MALAND



TIMESHARE-STYLE selling enthusiasm appears to have become entrenched in part of the health insurance market. Personalised direct mail alternately promises cash prizes and raises the spectre of serious, disabling injury.

Some insurers express private disapproval but appear to be deterred from publicly criticising such methods by the same voluntary code of practice that permits them.

One reader's elderly mother, living in Somerset, initially mistook a mailing from Hospital Plan Insurance Services for a timeshare offer, with its liberal scattering of capital letters, underlinings and bold type:

"Although notified of your WIN at the end of August, you have not yet claimed the Cash Prize your Winner's Draw Number: . . . has definitely WON in the New £250,000.00 Cash Match Prize Draw," the letter began.

Explaining that the prize might be anything from £5 to £60,000, the letter urged the addressee to claim by the expiry date of October 25, 1991 and "accept my invitation to examine FREE and without commitment or obligation an ideal way to protect yourself against the real risks of life . . ."

The letter went on: "Imagine what would happen if you were to suffer a serious accident and could never lead a normal life again . . ." It set out a sales pitch for a disabling injuries protection plan from New Hampshire Insurance Company: "Suppose you were the victim of a terrible road accident. You survived but . . . the use of your legs. Wouldn't it at least ease the blow when you receive a CASH lump sum of £200,000.00 . . ."

Returning to the prize draw, the letter recorded the delight of various winners, ending with a combination prize claim form and a "no-commitment examination application" for the plan.

However, the form also incorporated direct debit instructions, noting that "applications can only be processed if the Direct Debit . . . is completed".

It added: "It will only come into force if you decide to proceed." The first payment, however, was specified as being due on or within a month of November 2, 1991.

"This is a rather unpleasant way of selling," said the reader, who felt strongly enough to telephone Hospital Plan and object. "I think they should at least put their name at the top of the letter, so people have some idea what it is all about."

Folded as a leaflet, the letter carried only a coat of arms and Hospital Plan's address on its first page. The company's name appeared first at the foot of the inside pages, along with a note that it had undertaken to comply with the Association of British Insurers' code of practice for selling general insurance. A spokesman for the association said its general insurance council had looked into Hospital Plan's operations some months ago "in response to enquiries, rather than complaints" and had satisfied itself that the company was complying with the selling code.

"I don't think we are here to say how insurance should be sold, provided it meets the criteria laid down by our members under self-regulation," he said.

Paul Brett, a director of Hospital Plan, dismissed the comparison with timeshare. "We don't really present our prize draw in a timeshare manner," he said. "They always ask you to visit them and send out fake telegrams. They don't have anything as useful as cash. Ours are all cash prizes, no ifs or buts: coin of the realm."

Likening his firm's sales methods to a shop such as nearby Selfridge's frequently changing its brightly-lit windows, Mr Brett said that its use of direct debits was a protection for the public as well as a cost-effective way of collecting small amounts of money. He said most people had about four weeks to cancel a plan if they changed their minds, so their direct debits would not go into force.

Mr Brett supplied the addresses of some of the winners named in the prize leaflet, who confirmed their winnings by telephone. He also offered several handwritten testimonials from claimants of insurance under the plan. (The firm routinely asks for comments in these cases.)

He declined to discuss the rate of response to the prize-draw mailings or Hospital Plan's volume of business.

As an unlimited company, Hospital Plan does not file accounts at Companies House.

However, a possible indication of its expected profits can be gained from an amendment to its articles of association passed last year. This provides for an automatic special dividend to the preference shareholders — the directors, including Mr Brett — whenever the company's net pre-tax profits are between £1 million and £2 million for the year.

"In an unlimited company the directors are liable for their last shirt button," said Mr Brett.

Insurers under pressure to set yardsticks for critical illness policies

By SARA MCCONNELL

PEOPLE who are diagnosed as being critically ill and think they will receive a payout from a critical illness insurance plan could be in for a nasty shock. There is no standard definition of critical illness, and some companies will not pay out on certain types of condition.

Companies are coming under pressure, particularly from independent financial advisers selling plans to the public, to make cover standard. Some are reviewing their definitions but they continue to argue that they want to be different from their rivals in a competitive market.

Most critical illness policies pay out a lump sum on diagnosis of a serious illness or on death, whichever happens first. The most common illnesses to be covered are cancer, a stroke, a heart attack or coronary artery disease, and Abbey Life says these four are the most feared by policyholders. Abbey launched a critical illness policy five years ago, one of the first companies in Britain to do so.

But policyholders need to read the small print carefully. Some types of illness within the broad categories might not be covered and variations in cover for cancer and coronary heart diseases can make the difference between a substantial payout and nothing.

Lester Young, Abbey Life's product marketing manager, said: "If you go out and buy a term assurance or a unit-linked insurance policy for example, you tend to know what you are going to get. You can look at another company's contract and say you will get roughly the same benefits for the same premiums. But with critical illness policies, even basic cover can differ."

Cover for different sorts of cancer varies widely because there are so many types, said Mr Young. Policyholders diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease, a form of cancer, might find that they get no payout until the disease has taken hold and reached an advanced stage.

Legal & General and Commercial Union both say that they will pay out only for late-stage cancer. Others, such as Abbey Life and Allied Dunbar, are prepared to pay out as soon as the condition is diagnosed.

Policies will only rarely cover skin cancer, apart from malignant melanoma, a particularly serious form of skin cancer.

Andy Couchman, Allied Dunbar's life marketing divisional manager, said: "We will pay out on serious cancer but some skin cancers are not like other cancers."

However, Allied Dunbar will cover chronic lymphocytic leukaemia, a form of cancer, while other companies, such as Commercial Union and Laurentian Life, will not. Tony Worthington, Laurentian's head of marketing services, said: "This is a mild form of leukaemia which is not a killer and can go on for years without being diagnosed. We cannot pay out unless a condition can be definitely diagnosed."



Worthington: illness check

Commercial Union is planning to review its refusal to cover chronic lymphocytic leukaemia but said: "When we took advice we were told it was a mild form of cancer which wouldn't cause too many problems. It was meant to be similar to having a bad cold. Now it appears it can be more serious."

Until recently, several companies, including Legal & General, would cover coronary artery disease only if two of the arteries to the heart were diseased and needed by-passing. L&G has now changed its mind and will pay if only one artery is diseased.

Laurentian is about to follow its example and come into line with most of the newer policies, which tend to have less restrictive definitions.

People who want policies that will pay out for multiple sclerosis or for Aids contracted as a result of a blood transfusion should also look closely at the terms. Multiple sclerosis is notoriously difficult to diagnose but most policies offering this cover would specify, as Albany Life does, that the condition "must be unequivocally diagnosed by a consultant neurologist from a major UK hospital".

Payouts for Aids will be made only if the policyholder contracts the disease as a result of a blood transfusion in a UK hospital while the plan is in force. The hospital also has to admit liability and others have to be infected.

Many insurers scorn Aids cover as a marketing ploy. Abbey Life's Mr Young said: "We are concerned that buyers may have their heads turned by cover for Aids but the cover is restrictive and there is a debate as to whether these are valuable benfits."

Changing to another company with a different critical illness policy is not easy. Anyone who has already been diagnosed with such an illness will not be accepted by another insurer. Healthy people are likely to get back less than they have paid in premiums if they choose to cash in their policies.

Most critical illness policies are based on unit-linked whole of life policies that are insurance contracts. These pay out on illness or death but also pay a death benefit to the surviving spouse. Premiums are invested in one or more of a company's unit-linked funds, which are affected by stock market performance. These can lose value if the market falls. Charges and expenses absorb a large part of contributions to insurance policies in the early years.

Laurentian's Mr Worthington said: "If you cancel an insurance policy in the first couple of years it is always the case that you get back less than you put in."

Loans fixed for ten years

Scarborough Building ...ty this week launched a ...ear fixed rate mortgage of ... per cent, (annual ...ntage rate 11.8 per cent). ...g it was the first society ...er such a long fixed term. Scarborough has set aside ... million and expects it to ...aken up "within days". ...average mortgage interest ...over the past ten years is ...45 per cent (Sara ... Connell writes).

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Redeeming a mortgage early normally incurs a redemption penalty of three months' interest. The Scarborough has said that it will not charge extra interest if it can re-lend the funds at a profit, although borrowers will still pay a one-off administration fee of £300.



Comber: big savings

Other lenders are targeting the lower end of the market, particularly first-time buyers, with discounts and refunds on moving costs.

The Prudential has two new mortgages at a discounted rate of 10.9 per cent (APR 12.2 per cent) off the current variable rate of 11.75 per cent (APR 12.4 per cent) for one year after completion.

One loan is for first-time buyers and those moving house. The people in these categories also receive £200 towards legal costs and a full refund on the valuation fee up to a maximum of £200.

Borrowers remortgaging will be given £300 back on completion to cover legal and survey costs. The Pru estimates that someone with a £40,000 mortgage will save £23.02 a month for the first year of their mortgage, after all charges have been paid. There is an arrangement fee of £295 that can be added to loans for up to 90 per cent of the property's value.

First-time buyers are also being offered a 1 per cent discount off the Royal Bank of Scotland's current variable rate of 11.5 per cent for the first year of their loan. The offer applies on pension or endowment mortgages of up to 95 per cent of the value of the loan and replaces the previous £400 incentive for first-time buyers.

Stan Comber, the Royal Bank's head of marketing said: "On a £45,000 mortgage, a first-time buyer will save £450 in the first year, while on a £75,000 loan the savings will be as high as £1,500."

Premiums boosted by surge in subsidence

By SARA MCCONNELL

LEGAL & General and Eagle Star this week fell into line with other household insurers and increased buildings insurance rates for homes in areas most at risk from subsidence.

From yesterday, rates will be based on postcodes. Each postcode will be assigned a risk rating from one to six. Homes in the highest risk areas will be paying £4 per £1,000 of cover, almost double the insurers' previous standard rate of £2.20 per £1,000. Areas least at risk will receive a reduction in premiums to £1.80 per £1,000 of cover

Until now, there has been a flat rate for all households across the country but insurers have been hit with a huge rise in subsidence claims, particularly in the past year.

Subsidence claims more than doubled in the first six months of this year to £277 million, the latest figures from the Association of British Insurers show. Companies now say they have to raise premiums for those most likely to claim.

Householders in parts of London and the Southeast will be hardest hit. Eagle Star has identified parts of east and north London where individual rates will have to be imposed because the risk is so great. These areas are E6, E16, E18 and NW10. At the other end of the scale, Londoners with postcodes E3, E7, E9, E10, E13, E15, SE7, SE8, SW1, SW3, SW10, WC1 and WC2 will find their rate stays the same.

Almost all homeowners in Scotland will receive a reduction in their rate to £1.80 per £1,000 of cover. The only exceptions are those with the postcode AD41, whose applications for insurance will have to be referred and individually assessed.

Legal & General has also introduced six rating bands based on postcodes, from £1.80 per £1,000 of cover to £4 per £1,000. The company paid out £28 million in subsidence claims in the first half of this year, up from £10 million in the same period of 1990.

The company said that only 130,000 of its 1.2 million policyholders would be affected immediately by the rate change. Of those, 49 per cent will have to pay more, while 51 per cent will see no change. Rates for other policyholders, who bought cover through building societies or mortgage lenders, will change in the New Year.

L&G said that householders in all parts of Manchester, Leeds, Birmingham and Leicester would see no change. The whole of Scotland and Belfast would be paying less while those living in most of Greater London, the Southeast, the South and parts of East Anglia would pay more.

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Tax-free moving allowance cut

By LINDSAY COOK

THE amount that can be paid tax-free to employees required to move from one region to another by employers has been cut.

From yesterday, those moving to a higher cost housing area can receive a total of £18,060 over a number of years.

The reduction follows a series of mortgage rate cuts over the past year from a record 15.4 per cent to the current standard rate of 11.5 per cent. When rates were at their highest, up to £24,150 could be paid towards the ongoing extra costs of moving.

The money that can be paid under an extra-statutory concession published by the Inland Revenue in 1987 is intended to make sure such people are not out of pocket. It can be paid for up to nine years on a sliding scale to cover the difference in the mortgage cost, contents and buildings insurance, ground rents or service charges, but not the poll tax.

The Revenue rules the poll tax is a personal tax that has nothing to do with being moved from one part of the country to another, even if the tax rate is higher. The Revenue will also not subsidise someone moving from a modest to a lavish home.

In addition, employers can make a contribution towards removal costs, including new carpets, curtains and other fittings needed for a new home.

Although both are covered by extra-statutory concession the Revenue reserves the right not to allow the payments to be tax-free if an attempt is made to use it for tax avoidance.

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From J. R. Anderson

Sir, If one listens carefully when the Chancellor of the Exchequer announces a new tax benefit for savers, or for the aged, a peculiar sucking noise may be heard.

This is the sound of financial advisers and the like licking their lips at the prospect of having yet another opportunity to channel a benefit into their own pockets.

Examples? Tax relief on private health care ("Premiums have risen steeply . . . so that premiums net of tax are often higher than gross premiums previously" Weekend Money, October 26); Peps with hefty administration charges; Business Expansion Schemes ditto, with the investor "locked-in" at the supposed terminal date; and Tessas where the investor is at the mercy of arbitrary changes in interest rates and swingeing cancellation charges.

Your heading "Tax relief drains Revenue funds" could usefully have added "and lines City pockets".

Yours faithfully,
J.R. ANDERSON,
4 Vardon Drive,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire.

One card trick

From Dr S. R. Coverley

Sir, The Plymouth Consumer Group has been concerned about the difficulty of the second holder of a credit card getting information by telephone. This can be a particular problem for a service wife where the husband is abroad on active service.

The same difficulties apply where the wife is the primary holder. We have found that most card companies will allow either partner to receive the information provided they both write giving express permission and insisting that either should be allowed to operate the account.

Yours faithfully,
STUART COVERLEY,
Plymouth Consumer Group information officer.
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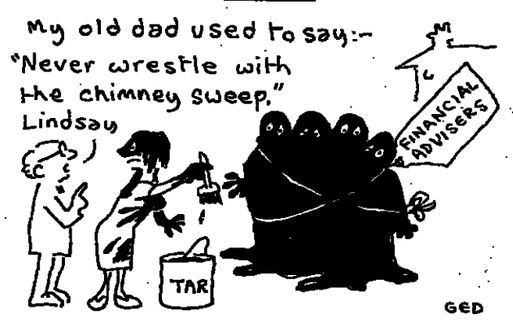
From Mrs M. Cooper

Sir, Barclays Bank in Sherwood, Nottingham, opens at 10 am and closes at 3 pm. Is this a record?

Yours truly,
MARGARET COOPER,
Home Farmhouse,
Oxton,
Nottinghamshire.

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LETTERS



Plea for balance

From Mrs M. M. Melloy

Sir, Although married to an independent financial adviser, I am no financial whiz but reading Lindsay Cook's persistent attacks on the financial services sector (tarring all independents, tied agents/insurance salesmen and regulators with the same brush), makes me feel that this must stem from some unfortunate close encounter she experienced in the past. Perhaps her parents were sold a home income plan and she now feels cheated of her inheritance? If only mum and dad had taken out one of those lovely endowments for her when she was young and pure, the splendid maturity value now available would surely have stimulated some love for the salesman? — Ah, that's it, she probably cashed it in early!

Something must have stirred her to write such unbalanced articles so forcefully and with such venom. Come on, Ms Cook, don't be so spiteful, let's have a bit of balance to limit the damage you are doing to some of the good guys in financial services.

Yours faithfully,
M.M. MELLOY,
28 Marvels Lane,
Grove Park, SE12.

Pence or pounds

From P. Pledger

Sir, Would Mr Barton (Weekend Money letters, October 19) have kept his £48.10 costs down by not closing his account with the Midland Bank, but leaving it dormant with, say, 10p?

Yours faithfully,
P. PLEDGER,
2 Warner Road,
Selsey, West Sussex.

Question of customer identity

From Miss Jane Reynolds

Sir, Having read about the misappropriation of bank cards in previous editions of Weekend Money letters, I was pleased to receive my new Visa/Gold card in a registered envelope. However, after I had signed for it, I realised the postman had not asked for any personal identification, so I wrote to Royal Mail Customer Services and asked whether it was an oversight, or whether I was sufficiently well known in our village, even though the postman (on this occasion) was a stranger.

Customer Services rang me to explain that they were not obliged to ask for proof of identity as their contract for delivering registered items was to the place of residence, not to the person to whom it was addressed. When I pointed out that, by definition, the contents of a registered packet could be valuable and that any one in shared accommodation could thieve it, Customer Services asked what proof of identity could I suggest, other than a passport, that could not be misappropriated by someone who was sufficiently determined to do so? I suggested that the postman could leave a card requesting the addressee to personally collect the item at the sorting office, as with over-sized parcels. Customer Services asked what would happen if the person was at work and could not visit the sorting office in "open" hours?

The suggestion from R.J.M. Mitchell (October 26) to collect the card from his/her branch appears admirable, except the "open" hours are restricted. The use of an agreed "password" (which some banks already employ for telephone enquiries) could be an added security feature.

Yours faithfully,
JANE REYNOLDS,
Sandal, 68 Firs Road,
West Mersea, Essex.

From Mr A. D. Batchelor

Sir, I was interested to read the suggestion from R.J.M. Mitchell (October 26) about secure methods of getting bank cards to customers. If my experiences with cheque books are anything to go by then personal collection of cards is no solution.

I have had an account at a Sussex branch of Lloyds for the last ten years. In that time, due to my mistrust of the postal system and also living in Essex, my mother has collected my cheque book for me to collect from her at my convenience. Only once has she ever been questioned about collecting someone else's cheque book. (Maybe she just has an honest face!)

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INTEREST RATES BOARDER

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	2.63	2.66	2.12	none/none	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	7.06	7.06	5.86	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	7.36	7.36	5.89	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	8.32	8.32	5.05	2,500-no'max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	6.66	6.66	5.32	2,500-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	6.70	6.70	5.36	10,000-no max	1 mth	0742 528655
" " "	6.66	6.66	5.33	10,000-no max	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	6.66	6.66	5.33	10,000-24,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	6.56	6.56	5.25	10,000-24,000	6 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	6.48	6.66	5.34	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	5.78	5.91	4.73	2,500‡	none	0684 252891
Co-operative Ultra	1.90	1.90	1.52	1,000‡	none	071 626 6543
Girobank	5.25	5.25	4.20	1,000‡	none	061 966 2276
Lloyds HICA	1.88	1.88	1.51	1,000‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	5.35	5.42	4.34	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
NatWest Special Reserve	5.06	5.16	4.13	500‡	none	091-374 3224
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	6.08	6.21	4.97	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	4.69	4.69	3.75	2,000‡	none	071-200 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	5.25	5.25	4.20	1 min	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Portman	7.50	7.50	6.00	500 min	Inst.	——
Cheltenham & Gl	8.36	8.36	6.69	2,500 min	Post	——
Northern Rock	7.69	7.69	6.15	10,000 min	30 day	——
Skipton	8.30	8.30	6.64	2,500 min	90 day	——
Bradford & Bing	8.84	8.84	7.07	25,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Southdown	7.69	7.69	6.15	1 min	Inst.	——
Cheltenham & Gl	8.36	8.36	6.69	2,500 min	Post	——
Chelsea	9.38	9.38	7.50	10,000 min	30 day	——
Teachers	9.19	9.19	7.35	7,500 min	90 day	——
Lancastrian	9.25	9.25	7.41	25,000 min	1 year	——
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Halifax Card Cash	2.81	2.81	2.25	90 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leic Cash Plus	3.30	3.30	2.64	25 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	1.43	1.43	1.14	1 min		balances

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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c'	5.00	3.75	3.00	5-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c	9.50	7.13	5.70	5-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*†	11.00	8.25	6.60	2,000-25,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*□†	11.00	8.25	6.60		3 mth	041-649-4555
36th Issue Cert*†	8.50	8.50	8.50	25-5,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	8.50	8.50	8.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
Capital Bond	11.50	8.62	6.90	100-100,000	5 yrs	041-649-4555

GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Prosperity	8.60	8.60	7.31	25,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Financial Ass	8.90	8.90	7.57	5,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Prosperity	9.00	9.00	7.65	5,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Financial Ass	8.90	8.90	7.57	5,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5785
Prosperity	8.95	8.95	7.60	5,000 min	5 yrs	for details

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (Sep 90-91)	+4.1%	Spanish Pesetas:	181.80
Bank Base Rate	10.5%	French Francs:	9.87
Personal Loan	24%	Greek Drachmas:	326.10
Credit Card	19.8-32%	Italian Lire:	2163.00

‡2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less † Additional holdings up to £10,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates ††Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross ◊Higher rates for larger sums □-Not longer on sale 'Rate will drop from 11.00 to 10.25 on November 28

FIRST TIME BUYERS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Dudley 0384 231414	9.00	£2-100K	90	2.50% discount to 30.12.92
Yorkshire 0274 734822	8.55	to £250K	95	2.55% discount for 6 months
Newbury 0635 43876	9.25	25K+	95	2.25% discount for 6 months
BANKS				
Bank of Scotland 031 343 7010	9.50	to £50K	100	2.00% discount
OTHER (INSURANCE COMPANY)				
Save & Prosper 071 588 1717	9.60	£5-500K	95	2.00% discount for first year

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80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth
BH8 8AL. 0345 717273

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Maximizer	91.58	97.94	+ 0.01	2.61
International	63.85	67.92	+ 0.05	1.50
Dividend Gth	50.77	54.01	+ 0.02	5.58
Global Gth Sec	53.17	56.56	+ 0.25	1.08
Ethical Growth	53.68	57.41	+ 0.04	2.72
High Inc Equity	135.70	144.30	+ 1.20	5.89
Worldwide Bond	211.20	225.80	+ 2.40	6.70
Gilt Fund Inv	116.20	123.20	+ 0.70	9.33

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QU.
0224 633070. Dealing: 0800 833580. 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DQ. 071 374 6801

Amer Inc Gth	30.22	32.04†	- 0.13	2.48
European	66.89	71.00	- 0.75	0.32
European Inc	37.49	39.42	- 0.42	1.63
Exempt	794.50	816.70†	+10.00	4.98
Extra Inc	39.21	42.65	- 0.53	5.81
F East Emerg Ec	46.77	50.11	- 0.71	1.28

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL.
0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366

High Inc	343.60	365.90	+ 2.80	5.46
Equity Inc	191.00	203.40	+ 1.50	5.03
High Yield	203.70	216.90†	+ 1.10	5.39
Balanced	557.30	593.50	+ 8.90	3.42
American Inc	35.06	37.33	+ 0.20	3.04
Wld Assn Val	32.30	34.39	+ 0.11	1.22
Japan	144.90	153.30	+ 3.20	0.01
Sect of Am	324.00	343 50	- 0.40	0.14

BL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 128, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4PN.
081 663 3030

European Gth	81.35	86.99	- 0.80	1.58
1992 Euro Sp Op	49.26	05.51		1.56
International Inc	68.80	73.51	- 0.54	2.88
N American Gth	49.20	52.61	+ 0.58	1.52
Pacific Growth	72.27	77.28	+ 2.02	1.00
UK Growth Acc	81.57	87.23†	+ 0.91	2.57
UK Growth Dist	76.54†	+ 0.79	3.24
UK Income	59.64	63.78†	+ 0.68	7.03

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7.
081 534 5544

Capital	88.72	95.20	+ 0.97	3.56
Euro Gth Inc	91.15	97.53	- 0.35	1.94
Extra Inc	94.44	101.00†	+ 0.80	6.62
General	201.40	215.40†	+ 2.90	2.63
Gilt Fnd Inc	52.79	54.02	- 0.14	10.25
Income	432.80	462.90	+ 4.20	5.94

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beaconsfield, Kent BR3 4XQ.
081 658 9002

American Gth	67.05	70.94	+ 0.86	0.4
Amer Smllr Cos	75.68	80.21	+ 0.51	0.3
Australia	63.82	68.31	- 0.75	1.9
Convertibles	45.81	48.99†	+ 0.49	8.5
Eastern	127.20	135.60	- 1.30	1.3
Equity Income	74.15	79.39	+ 0.40	7.0
European Gth	124.80	185.70	- 0.10	2.2
Euro Smllr Cos	152.50	163.10	+ 0.30	1.5
Exempt	69.73	71.94	+ 0.03	3.9
German Growth	45.14	48.28	+ 0.21	1.1
Global Growth	62.84	58.62	+ 0.08	1.0
Japan Growth	165.30	176.90	- 6.00	-
Japan Smaller	136.10	145.30	- 3.80	-
Portfolio	99.51	103.50	+ 0.60	3.9
Pacific	170.10	176.90	+ 0.20	0.6
UK Growth	56.73	60.35	+ 0.28	4.2
UK Smaller Cos	72.50	77.54†	- 0.28	2.9
Select Managers	54.94	58.44	+ 0.15	3.1

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA.
041 332 3132

Britan Gth Acc	84.32	90.18	+ 1.34	2.73
-do- Inc	78.73	84.20†	+ 1.40	2.71
Global Bond	23.27	24.89	+ 0.05	6.03
High Yield Acc	41.53	44.40	+ 0.10	4.90
-do- Inc	38.21	40.86	+ 0.18	4.90
Income Gth Acc	60.40	64.60	+ 0.38	5.59
-do- Inc	42.90	45.88	+ 0.27	5.59
Service Co Acc	71.89	76.89	+ 0.47	1.98
-do- Inc	67.09	72.40	+ 0.34	1.98
Amer Gth Acc	35.28	37.73	+ 0.03	1.08
-do- Inc	34.62	37.03	+ 0.02	1.08
Euro Gth Acc	25.40	27.17	+ 0.12	1.40
-do- Inc	24.71	26.43†	+ 0.26	1.40
Mngd P folio	25.71	27.49†	+ 0.13	---

BROWN SHIPLEY
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath.
0444 458144

Financial	99.25	105.70	+ 2.00	4.47
Smaller Cos Acc	192.10	204.60	- 1.30	---
Smaller Cos Inc	115.70	123.20†	- 0.80	1.87
High Inc	60.63	64.75	+ 0.62	6.75
Income	99.28	105.87		5.34
Mngd P folio Inc	80.84	86.09	+ 0.08	5.62
-do- Acc	149.20	158.90	+ 0.20	---
North American	78.79	83.91	+ 0.94	0.26
Orient	98.97	106.50	- 3.10	---
Recovery	32.12	34.21	+ 0.31	3.45
German	34.94	37.42†	- 0.10	0.17
Intl Recov	28.36	30.22†	- 0.03	0.26
European Inc	20.22	21.78†	- 0.06	0.52
Conv General	16.86	17.95	+ 0.15	10.60

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474

Fellowship Tst	53.71	57.14	+ 0.21	3.60
-do-Acc	58.60	62.35	+ 0.23	3.60
Income Fund 5	171.90	182.90	+ 1.80	6.19
-do-Acc	372.10	395.90	+ 4.00	6.19
Inv Portfolio	54.82	58.34	+ 0.10	2.87
-do-Acc	60.07	62.17	+ 0.30	2.87
Smaller Cos	109.60	116.60	+ 0.20	3.19
-do-Acc	126.40	134.50	+ 0.10	3.19
High Inc P folio	49.07	50.85	+ 0.22	6.70

BURRAGE UT MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL.
071 480 7216

Shr Gilt Fnd Int	83.23	84.07	+ 0.19	6.38

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH.
061 837 5060

Environ --	106.90	113.80	+ 1.40	2.13
UK Growth	117.00	124.50	+ 1.60	2.66
UK Income	105.90	112.70†	+ 0.90	5.71

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB.
081 902 8876

SE Asia	49.83	53.29	+ 0.18	2.10
Growth	40.14	42.93	+ 0.49	3.77
Income	47.85	51.28	+ 0.39	6.56
Far East	39.85	42.62	- 0.47	0.73
North American	60.26	64.45	+ 1.77	0.01
Global	62.57	67.24	+ 1.22	1.44
European	55.78	62.86	+ 0.24	2.54
Japan	96.58	103.30†	- 1.10	0.01
Strategic Opps	47.17	50.45	+ 1.29	2.05
Intl Currency Bd	47.27	50.12†	+ 0.16	6.96

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF.
Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362

Capability Trusts				
American Gen	93.25	99.30†	+ 0.01	0.22
-do-Acc	99.26	105.69	- 0.01	0.22
European	56.23	59.60	- 0.10	1.48
-do-Acc	57.81	61.51	- 0.16	1.48
Far East Gen	50.05	54.21	- 0.66	---
-do-Acc	50.95	54.21	- 0.66	---
Glenham	224.50	238.90	+ 4.20	2.33
Gth Acc	245.20	260.90	+ 4.60	2.33
Growth	295.30	315.90	+ 1.30	2.73
-do-Acc	490.00	524.10	+ 2.20	2.73
Income Growth	322.20	342.80	+ 6.50	4.99
-do-Acc	401.80	427.50	+ 8.20	4.99

CATHOLIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Wallbrook Hse, 23 Wallbrook, London EC4N 5LD. Dealing: 0800 262443

International	150.90	160.40†	- 0.20	1.47
High Income	94.29	91.79†	- 1.42	5.62
Com Gth	99.46	106.30	- 0.60	0.10
Far East	225.70	240.60†	- 4.10	1.25
N/h American	175.10	186.40†	+ 3.10	---
Spec Sits	90.71	96.73	- 0.90	3.01
Technology	19.20	19.50	- 11.40	---
Euro Inc	122.10	129.90†	- 0.40	5.57
Euro Gth Inc	93.15	99.09	+ 0.39	2.30

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ.
071 588 1815

Investment Fd	554.80	561.35		5.15
Fixed Int	142.20	142.45		10.18
Deposit	10.25	---	---	---

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ.
071 588 1815

Income	532.98	538.58		5.44
Accum	1944.14	1971.4		---
Deposit	10.25	---	---	---
Fxd Int Inc	115.30	115.53		10.04
-do-Acc	131.60	131.86		---

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1.
071 407 5966

City Fin Assets	52.37	55.13†	- 0.35	2.90
Dickinson Intl	93.77	85.34†	- 0.58	4.60
Friars Hse Inc	169.10	179.20†	- 4.60	5.33
Friars Hse Cap	211.80	224.50	- 2.50	2.72

COMMERCIAL UT MANAGERS
St Helens, 1 Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818

Commercial	76.33	81.20	- 1.07	1.12
European Gth	74.40	79.15	- 0.55	1.04
Far East Gth	72.86	77.51	- 0.72	0.48
Japan Gth Acc	36.75	39.10†	- 0.68	---
Managed	52.88	56.26†	- 0.71	3.80
-do-	61.81	65.76	+ 0.36	0.46
Mthly Inc Plus	41.93	44.61		9.75
Smaller Cos	29.20	31.06	+ 0.30	2.31
-do- Acc	31.32	33.32	+ 0.33	2.31
UK General	21.21	23.09	+ 0.04	3.04
-do-Acc	70.17	74.65	+ 0.72	3.04
Wyndc Sp Sits	50.27	53.48	+ 0.20	5.08
-do-Acc	60.19	64.03	+ 0.24	5.08
-do- Inc	43.97	47.03	+ 0.21	4.90
Income Gth Acc	60.40	64.60	+ 0.38	5.59
-do- Inc	42.90	45.88	+ 0.27	5.59
Quilter General	104.56	111.23†	+ 1.21	1.75
-do- Acc	112.36	119.53	+ 1.30	1.75
Quilter Income	87.26	92.81	+ 0.77	4.43
-do- Acc	98.70	105.03	+ 0.87	4.43
Quilter Intl	104.81	111.50	+ 0.87	---
-do- Acc	105.77	112.52	+ 0.88	---
Quilter UK Spec	70.59	75.10	+ 0.53	3.21
-do- Acc	70.72	75.24	+ 0.68	3.21
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	86.19	91.69	+ 1.46	2.91
Fixed Conv	33.87	36.03	+ 0.21	9.09
-do-Acc	81.31	86.50	+ 1.21	9.09
Equity Inc	126.98	135.09	+ 0.81	5.29
-do-Acc	377.54	401.64	+ 2.40	5.29
High Yield	103.64	110.26	+ 1.13	6.51
-do-Acc	361.07	384.12	+ 3.92	6.51
Preference	39.08	41.57	+ 0.03	5.34
-do-Acc	180.55	192.07	+ 0.17	5.57
PPT Europe	124.38	132.32	- 1.18	0.87
PPT Global Bnd	63.13	67.16	- 0.25	5.06
PPT Gold Com	45.88	48.81	- 0.86	---
PPT Gilt	53.03	55.14	- 1.33	9.84
PPT Hong Kong	51.54	54.83	- 0.29	1.99
PPT Japan	105.41	112.14	- 2.22	---
PPT N Amer	106.40	113.19	- 0.20	0.14
PPT S'pore Mly	69.74	74.19	- 0.45	---
PPT UK	99.29	105.63	- 0.62	2.06
PPT Cash	83.82	83.82	+ 0.10	12.77

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh.
0345 090 526

American	85.21	90.54†	- 1.07	---
Capital	134.30	142.70	+ 1.70	2.10
Convertibles	21.78	23.14	- 0.14	8.64
Euroland	32.89	34.75	+ 0.10	1.15
Mngd Exempt	145.30	151.40†	- 0.90	3.47
Growth Inc	198.50	210.90	+ 2.20	3.33
High Dist	141.80	150.70†	- 2.70	7.47
International	271.20	288.20		1.73
Intl Income	61.13	65.26	- 0.05	6.05
Pacific	34.14	36.27†	- 0.58	1.10
Smllr Cos	65.18	69.25	- 2.20	---
Tokyo	179.76	190.90	- 2.80	---
Amer Exempt	167.20	171.80†	- 1.50	1.05
Japan Exempt	119.00	122.90	- 1.80	0.41
Sth Asp Exempt	550.30	565.40	- 16.80	0.09

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ.
0242 517 555

Oriental Op Acc	55.96	59.53†	- 0.91	1.45
Japanese Acc	56.79	60.41	- 0.84	---
UK Balncd Inc	102.60	109.20	+ 1.50	3.44
-do- Acc	116.00	123.40	+ 1.70	3.44
UK Growth Acc	171.60	182.60	+ 2.30	2.92
UK High Inc	111.20	118.30†	+ 2.70	0.96
-do- Acc	123.40	131.30†	+ 1.30	0.96
N America Acc	78.89	83.93	+ 0.97	0.12
European Acc	105.80	112.60	+ 0.70	1.44
UK Pref Fd Inc	58.34	59.76	- 0.26	9.94
-do- Acc	80.75	85.65	+ 0.37	9.94
Ind Sp Sits Acc	43.61	47.03	+ 0.54	0.81
Environmnd Opp	58.52	62.25	+ 0.92	2.37

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Hermitage Gardens, London SW7 4JU.
071 373 7261

Endurance	145.90	155.20†	- 0.20	1.95

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Far Eastern	118.10	125.90†	+ 1.30	---
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-do- Acc	343.40	365.10†	+ 1.20	3.11
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Extra Income	250.40	266.30	+ 1.60	5.50
-do- Acc	330.10	351.10	+ 2.00	5.50
Financial	63.28	67.81	+ 0.20	0.01
-do- Acc	65.48	69.86	+ 0.24	0.02
Income Tst	162.90	173.20	+ 1.10	5.20
-do- Acc	208.20	221.40	+ 1.50	5.20
Intl Growth	254.00	270.00	+ 1.70	---
-do- Acc	282.00	302.00	+ 1.70	---
Japan Gen	145.40	155.70	+ 2.00	---
-do- Acc	146.80	157.30	+ 2.00	---
Mngd P folio Inc	78.50	83.63	+ 0.30	2.00
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Monthly Income	126.00	134.00†	+ 0.10	5.53
Recovery	216.70	233.80	- 0.90	0.99
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Fixed Int Dis	116.59	123.99	+ 1.03	2.86
-do- Acc	182.89	193.45	+ 1.62	2.86
Intl Gth Dis	63.01	67.03	+ 0.04	0.65
-do- Acc	64.53	68.05	+ 0.04	0.65
Nth Amer Dis	141.86	150.91	+ 0.89	1.15
-do- Acc	141.86	150.83	+ 0.75	1.15
Pac Basin Dis	193.40	205.75	- 1.77	0.32
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-do- Acc	61.66	65.60†	+ 0.29	5.24
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-do- Acc	237.60	254.20	+ 3.20	4.12
Convertible	104.50	110.70	+ 0.70	5.27
-do- Acc	176.40	186.90	+ 1.20	5.27
Eastern	85.96	91.76	+ 0.56	0.24
-do- Acc	88.31	94.27	+ 0.52	0.78
Extra Income	250.40	266.30	+ 1.60	5.50
-do- Acc	330.10	351.10	+ 2.00	5.50
Financial	63.28	67.81	+ 0.20	0.01
-do- Acc	65.48	69.86	+ 0.24	0.02
Income Tst	162.90	173.20	+ 1.10	5.20
-do- Acc	208.20	221.40	+ 1.50	5.20
Intl Growth	254.00	270.00	+ 1.70	---
-do- Acc	282.00	302.00	+ 1.70	---
Japan Gen	145.40	155.70	+ 2.00	---
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-do- Acc	42.24	44.93	+ 0.15	1.77
Gth Gilt Inc	61.46	63.39	+ 0.43	9.00
-do- Acc	69.75	71.84	+ 0.49	9.00
Gilt Inc Inc	57.27	59.05	+ 0.39	8.93
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European	62.08	65.86	- 0.20	1.46
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American Gth	83.08	88.85	+ 0.36	0.24
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Canadian	51.55	55.20†	- 0.05	0.15
Equity Income	95.92	102.00	- 0.90	6.06
European	118.40	125.50	- 0.80	0.95
High Income	61.76	65.70†	- 0.75	7.79
Intl Sections	61.31	65.57	- 0.66	---
Japan Far East	68.00	64.62†	- 1.15	---
North American	76.10	80.74	- 0.21	0.53
Scandinavian	46.12	48.91	- 0.20	0.98
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Australian	124.45	133.90†	+ 0.11	0.68
European	265.77	304.90†	+ 0.51	0.68
European Inc	57.71	61.96	- 0.10	5.05
Euro Smll Co	102.00	108.59†	- 1.56	1.03
Extra Income	54.18	58.19	- 0.09	5.96
Family of Funds	56.32	59.93	- 0.20	0.41
Fund Interest	49.75	52.61	- 0.39	5.95
Global Resour	21.97	23.54	- 0.14	1.51
High Inc	252.20	271.50	- 1.55	5.95
Income Gth	209.25	222.50	- 0.90	5.24
-do- Acc	296.90	317.00	- 0.54	5.24
International	154.56	166.30†	- 0.93	1.34
International Spc Sit	94.50	99.93	- 0.47	---
Japan	169.41	179.64	- 3.31	---

European raiders face tough Breeders' Cup task under a leaden sky at Churchill Downs

Culture Vulture offers best chance

FROM RICHARD EVANS IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

HYPE and hope gave way to rain and reality here as the 89 horses running in today's eighth Breeders' Cup championship completed their preparations for the richest day's racing in the world.

Under a leaden sky, puddles covered the dirt track to add another twist to the tricky equation facing punters and trainers. However, locals were predicting fine weather and fast going for today.

While backers throughout the United States will be trying to win millions of dollars by naming the winners of all seven races in the first-ever Breeders' Cup National Pick Seven, racing enthusiasts in Britain face a different challenge. How do they compare the form of runners on both sides of the Atlantic and should they allow their hearts to overrule their heads?

The victory by Pebbles in 1985 remains Britain's lone success and Ladbrokes are offering 3-1 against a domestic winner. In recent years French and Irish raiders have spearheaded the European challenge.

In an attempt to gauge the realistic chances of Britain's eight runners and the 11 entries from France and Ireland against the American team, I sought the opinions of Geoffrey Gibbs and Ciaran Kennelly, senior handicappers for the Jockey Club and Irish Turf Club respectively.

On paper, the sprint is a one-horse race following the defection of last year's winner, Safety Kept, due to injury. Housebuster is at least 7lb superior to his nearest challenger and very close to the class of Dayjur, according to Gibbs. Value seekers should look closely at the 8-1 being offered in Britain against Senor Speedy. Sheikh Albadou, winner of the Nunthorpe Stakes at York, will need to improve by a stone to cause an upset.

Culture Vulture, Paul Cole's ultra-game filly, is possibly Britain's best hope of success provided tough races at Ascot and Longchamp have not blunted her edge.

Cole oozed confidence yesterday after supervising a final spin. The Timeless Moment





Steve Cauthen and trainer David Elsworth are reunited for In The Groove's attempt to win the Breeders' Cup Turf at Churchill Downs today

filly is well drawn and has a dirt pedigree.

Provided the tight bends do not inconvenience her, Culture Vulture could pip La Spia and Preach in what appears to be the below standard Juvenile Fillies.

Dance Smartly, unbeaten in seven races this year, will be a banker for many in the Distaff. However, the Canadian raider, third in last year's Juvenile Fillies, has not raced outside her home country this year and Canadian form is generally 10lb inferior to that of American horses.

The Breeders' Cup Mile is a punter's nightmare. "There are so many horses who have a chance to win. Seven are rated within 5lb of each other and all are genuine group one horses. It is a staggeringly good race " Gibbs said.

Polar Falcon will be seeking to emulate Last Tycoon and Royal Academy by making sprinting speed pay off over a longer trip. By contrast, Tight Spot, the likely favourite, is coming back from a mile-and-a-quarter to his best trip.

Priolo, third last year, looks certain to run well again but I believe In Excess, switched at the last moment from the more valuable Breeders' Cup Classic, will take all the beating.

The former Bill O'Gorman-trained four-year-oold has developed into a world-class miler since maturing mentally

Arazi is "as good a two-year-old as we have seen," Gibbs said. The dreaded 14 draw could prove his undoing and let in Bertrando or Tri To Watch. Showbrook, racing in his fourth country and with Lester Piggott on board, might sneak a place.

Piggott rode In The Groove in a gentle canter yesterday and shares the confidence of David Elsworth that the filly has an excellent chance in the Breeders' Cup Turf.

Arc form has worked out remarkably well in the turf race with Trempolino finishing second here in 1987 and In The Wings going one better last year. Pistolet Bleu, third behind Suave Dancer in Paris last month, should uphold the tradition but may find one too good in Itsallgreektome.

The $3 million Breeders' Cup Classic, covered live by Channel 4, has lost some of its attraction following the defection of the original favourites, In Excess and Farma Way.

However, with seven of the 11 runners rated within 6lb of each other, it promises to be a cracking finale. Kentucky Derby winners Unbridled and Strike The Gold have not sparkled recently and Black Tie Affair, Fly So Free and Twilight Agenda appear to have better chances.

D Wayne Lukas leads the Breeders Cup training table and Twilight Agenda can provide him with another big payday.

SELECTIONS: 5.16 **Housebuster.** 5.46 **Culture Vulture.** 6.19 **Dance Smartly.** 6.51 **IN EXCESS (nap).** 7.25 **Tri To Watch.** 8.01 **In The Groove (each-way).** 8.35 **Twilight Agenda.**

BREEDERS' CUP FIELDS

GOING: GOOD (DIRT); GOOD TO SOFT (TURF) DRAW: MIDDLE NUMBERS BEST
TV: CHANNEL 4, 8PM-9PM (8.35 LIVE, RECORDINGS OF EARLIER RACES)

5.16 (GMT) BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT
(Grade I: £269,430: 6f: dirt) (11 runners)

1	1300-11	POLISH NUMBERS (C Phipps) C McGaughey 4-9-0	A Cordero	1
2	210111	HOUSEBUSTER (R Levy) W Dutt 4-9-0	C Perret	2
3	42-1183	TAKE ME OUT (B Firestone) W Mott 5-9-12	M Smith	3
4	115431	ROBYN DANCER (W & D Hamlck) D Wayne 4-9-0	L Pincay	4
5	352151	SENOR SPEEDY (R Perez) A Callejas 4-9-0	J Chavez	5
6	412234	CLEVER TREVOR (D McNeill) D Von Hemmel 5-9-0	D Pettinger	6
7	551313	PLEASANT TAP (Buckland Farm) C Spreckel 4-9-0	E Delahoussaye	7
8	0-25541	DEPOSIT TICKET (D W Lukas) D W Lukas 3-8-12	P Day	8
9	214122	SHEIKH ALBADOU (H Salem) A Scott (GB) 3-8-12	Pat Eddery	9
10	162211	KEY SPIRIT (G Singh) S Barnes (Can) 5-9-0	M Watts	10
11	240224	MEDIA PLAN (Oaktown Stable) D W Lukas 3-8-12	P Valenzuela	11

BETTING: 5-4 Housebuster, 6-1 Senor Speedy, 8-1 Polish Numbers, 10-1 Sheikh Albadou, Robyn Dancer, 12-1 Clever Trevor, Pleasant Tap, 14-1 Deposit Ticket, Key Spirit, 16-1 others.

5.46 BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES
(Grade I: 2-Y-O fillies: £269,430: 1m 110yd: dirt) (14 runners)

1	131	PREACH (Claiborne Farm) C McGaughey 8-7	Julie Krone	1
2	1512	MISS IRON SMOKE (J Slagel) B Mayberry 8-7	M Pedroza	2
3	361213	LA SPIA (A Broccoli) R Wnick 8-7	A Solis	3
4	415132	VIVANO (M Pence) J Penna Jnr 8-7	C McCarron	4
5	121122	SOVIET SOJOURN (H Eamhardt) R Ballart 8-7	P Valenzuela	5
6	820173	ANH DUONG (P Brant) L Jolley 8-7	A Cordero	6
7	12111	CULTURE VULTURE (C Wright) P Cole (GB) 8-7	T Chdrn	7
8	223511	SPINNING ROUND (Kinsman Stable) J Baker 8-7	J Santos	8
9	141211	SPEED DIALER (W Farish) N Howard 8-7	P Day	9
10	1121	CADILLAC WOMEN (T Pryor) T Pryor 8-7	P Compton	10
11	321	PLEASANT STAGE (Buckland Farm) C Spreckel 8-7	E Delahoussaye	11
12	201031	MISS LEGALITY (N Wallach) H Hine 8-7	J Bravo	12
13	31	KEN DE SARON (Fares Farm) M Zilber (Fr) 8-7	E Legris	13
14	4012	QUEENS COURT QUEEN (A Campbell) R McAnally 8-7	G Stevens	14

BETTING: 3-1 Preach, 4-1 Speed Dialer, 5-1 Culture Vulture, 8-1 Pleasant Stage, 10-1 Soviet Sojourn, Anh Duong, 12-1 Vivano, La Spia, 14-1 others.

6.19 BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF
(Grade I: fillies & mares: £269,430: 1m 1f: dirt) (13 runners)

1	225131	WILDERNESS SONG (Sam-Son Farms) J Day (Can) 3-8-8	F Villeneuve	4
1A	111111	DANCE SMARTLY (Sam-Son Farms) J Day (Can) 3-8-8	P Day	10
2	122115	FIT FOR A QUEEN (Hermitage Farm) S Parnell 5-8-11	R Lopez	1
3	0121231	TIL FORBID (J Talbot) C Nafzger 3-8-8	S Sellers	2
4	301133	LADY D'ACCORD (Akindale Farm) N Zito 4-8-11	J Santos	3
5	020414	PRIVATE TREASURE (Prestige Stable) J Pierce 3-8-8	J Bailey	5
6	010119	RICHARD'S LASS (R Perez) A Callejas 3-8-8	J Chavez	6
7	111440	BROUGHT TO MIND (T Holekamp) R McAnally 4-8-11	P Valenzuela	7
8	252125	FIT TO SCOUT (R Snell) J Van Berg 4-8-11	G Stevens	8
9	211112	VERSAILLES TREATY (C Phillips) C McGaughey 3-8-8	A Cordero Jnr	9
10	252510	TRAIN ROBBERY (Overbrook Farm) D W Lukas 4-8-11	E Delahoussaye	11
11	126422	GRAND GIRLFRIEND (E Cox Jnr) D W Lukas 3-8-8	C McCarron	12
12	311131	QUEENA (E Hamilton) C McGaughey 5-8-11	M Smith	13

BETTING: 8-4 Dance Smartly & Wilderness Song (coupled), 7-2 Versailles Treaty, 5-1 Queena, 10-1 Fit To Scout, 12-1 Til Forbid, 14-1 Grand Girlfriend, 16-1 others.

6.51 BREEDERS' CUP MILE
(Grade I: £269,430: 1m: turf) (14 runners)

1	132233	SHADAYID (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop (GB) 3-8-8	W Carson	1
2	114351	DANSEUSE DU SOIR (D Wildenstein) E Lellouche (Fr) 3-8-8	D Boutin	2
3	132622	OPENING VERSE (A Paulson) R Lundy 5-9-0	P Valenzuela	4
4	22351	PRIOLO (Skymarc Stable) F Boutin (Fr) 4-9-0	F Head	5
5	352112	SCAN (W Perry) F Schulhofer 3-8-11	J Santos	6
6	142111	STAR OF COZZENE (Clover Stable) D W Lukas 3-8-11	P Day	7
7	341111	IN EXCESS (J Munnl) B Jacobson 4-9-0	G Stevens	8
8	121112	KOOYONGA (M Hagd) M Keogan 3-8-8	W O'Connor	9
9	111111	TIGHT SPOT (W Winchell) R McAnally 4-9-0	L Pincay Jnr	12
10	-11214	SECOND SET (R Duchossois) L Cumani (GB) 3-8-11	L Dettori	13
11	211441	POLAR FALCON (D Thompson) J Hammond (Fr) 4-9-0	C Asmussen	14
12	-63212	VAL DES BOIS (E Gann) R Frankel 5-9-0	C McCarron	3
13	133F40	JOLIE'S HALO (A Appleton) R Carnac 4-9-0	C Perret	10
14	423312	SULTRY SONG (Live Oak Plantation) P Kelly 3-8-11	J Bailey	11

BETTING: 3-1 Tight Spot, 4-1 In Excess, 6-1 Opening Verse, 7-1 Polar Falcon, 8-1 Kooyonga, Priolo, 10-1 Second Set, Shadayid, 12-1 Star Of Cozzene, Scan, 14-1 others.

7.25 BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE
(Grade I: 2-Y-O colts & geldings. £269,430: 1m 110yd: dirt) (14 runners)

1	5110	AGINCOURT (R Perez) N Zito 8-10	J Chavez	2
2	5133	PINE BLUFF (Lobolly Stable) T Robinson 8-10	C Perret	3
3	224121	TRI TO WATCH (F Hooper) C Dorrino 8-10	A Cordero	4
4	111	BERTRANDO (E Nahem) B Headley 8-10	A Solis	5
5	512211	SHOWBROOK (A Budge) R Hannon (GB) 8-10	L Piggott	6
6	212312	STAR RECRUIT (Dan Perez Farm) J Fanning 8-10	L Pincay	7
7	232	SNAPPY LANDING (F McMurry) D Manning 8-10	G Stevens	8
8	0113	BAG (D Kruse) J Fanning 8-10	D Flores	9
9	110035	BIG SUR (Overbrook Farm) D W Lukas 8-10	C McCarron	10
10	62211	DANCE FLOOR (Oaktown Stable) D W Lukas 8-10	P Day	12
11	111111	ARAZI (A Paulson) P Biancone 8-10	P Valenzuela	14
12	31	ONLOOKER (Pinelawood Farm) W Stephens 8-10	J Bailey	1
13	3114	DEVIL ON ICE (Due Process Stable) P Gleaves 8-10	J Santos	15
14	631	OFFBEAT (O Phipps) C McGaughey 8-10	M Smith	16

BETTING: 7-4 Bertrando, 5-2 Arazi, 6-1 Tri To Watch, 8-1 Dance Floor, 10-1 Showbrook, 12-1 Bag, Agincourt, 14-1 Snappy Landing, Star Recruit, 16-1 others.

8.01 BREEDERS' CUP TURF
(Grade I: £538,860: 1m 4f: turf) (14 runners)

1	111111	SKY CLASSIC (Sam-Son Farms) J Day (Can) 4-9-0	P Day	1
2	-61101	FILAGO (E Gann) R Frankel 5-9-0	P Valenzuela	2
3	5-4220	QUEST FOR FAME (Juddmonte Farms) R Charlton (GB) 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	3
4	1-1123	PISTOLET BLEU (D Wildenstein) E Lellouche (Fr) 3-8-10	D Boutin	5
5	031110	EL SENOR (W Wright) W Wright 7-9-0	J Santos	6
6	513134	FLY SO FREE (T Yokendo) F Schulhofer 3-8-10	J Santos	8
7	223601	ITSALLGREEKTOME (Haydn Stables) W Dollase 4-9-0	J Velasquez	9
8	-32315	PIGEON VOYAGEUR (P de Moussac) A Fabre (Fr) 3-8-10	G Stevens	10
9	415133	KARTAJANA (Aga Khan) N D'Alleila 4-9-11	E Delahoussaye	11
10	214363	IN THE GROOVE (B Cooper) D Elsworth (GB) 4-9-11	S Cauthen	12
11	331522	DEAR DOCTOR (H Chalhoub) J Hammond (Fr) 4-9-0	C Asmussen	14
12	034241	SAGANESS (A Garcia Meleny Farm) A Spanu (Fr) 3-8-7	A Cordero	5
13	121622	SADDLERS' HALL (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute (GB) 3-8-10	L Piccoy	7
14	334205	MISS ALLEGED (Fares Farm Inc) P Bary (Fr) 4-9-11	E Legris	13

BETTING: 7-2 Sky Classic, 4-1 Pistolet Bleu, 5-2 Itsallgreektome, 5-1 Pigeon Voyageur, 6-1 In The Groove, 8-1 Dear Doctor, Kartajana, 10-1 Filago, El Senor, 12-1 others.

8.35 BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC
(Grade I: £808,290: 1m 2f: dirt) (11 runners)

1	113456	CUDAS (A Paulson) F Boutin (Fr) 3-8-10	F Head	1
2	210121	SUMMER SQUALL (Dogwood Stable) N Howard 4-9-0	P Day	2
3	351405	STAR OF GDANSK (H de Kwiatkowski) J Bolger (Ire) 3-8-10	C Roche	3
4	142222	CHIEF HONCHO (S Firestone) W Mott 4-9-0	M Smith	4
5	513134	FLY SO FREE (T Yokendo) F Schulhofer 3-8-10	J Santos	5
6	412431	FESTIN (H Sinclair) N Drysdale 5-9-0	E Delahoussaye	9
7	158132	UNBRIDLED (F Gaviller Stable) C Nafzger 4-9-0	C Perret	7
8	011111	BLACK TIE AFFAIR (J Sullivan) E Poulos 5-9-0	J Bailey	8
9	112141	TWILIGHT AGENDA (Moyglare Stud) D W Lukas 5-9-0	C McCarron	6
10	623443	STRIKE THE GOLD (ECC Gold Stable) N Zito 3-8-10	P Valenzuela	10
11	231152	MARQUETRY (Juddmonte Farms) R Frankel 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	11

BETTING: 3-1 Festin, 4-1 Summer Squall, 5-1 Black Tie Affair, Unbridled, 6-1 Twilight Agenda, 10-1 Chief Honcho, Marquetry, Strike The Gold, 20-1 others.

WARWICK

MANDARIN
1.15 Karenda. 1.45 Bradbury Star. 2.15 Fragrant Dawn. 2.45 Tom Bir. 3.15 Olympian. 3.45 Rag Time Belle. 4.15 Top Javalin.

THUNDERER
1.15 Karenda. 1.45 Bradbury Star. 2.15 Fragrant Dawn. 2.45 Caddy. 3.15 Mayfair Minx. 3.45 Rag Time Belle. 4.15 Top Javalin.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

1.15 RADWAY NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,300: 2m 5f) (13 runners)

1	434-	ANDERMATT 215 J Mackie 4-10-10	S J O'Neill	
2	PP-4	EMBARKATION 17 F Jordan 5-10-10	J Lodder	
3	6/	GERUNTY 1086 J Colston 7-10-10	V Slattery (5)	
4	4/P-	IMPOUNDED 242 M Charles 7-10-10	Dale McKeown	
5	-362	IVYCHURCH 7 J Joseph 5-10-10	S Smith Eccles	
6	00-0	MEKSHARP 86 J Smith 4-10-10	J Lawrence	
7		NIKOLAYEVICH 530F D Jermy 4-10-10	P Davies (7)	
8	P0/	PINISI 25P K Burke 8-10-10	R Supple	
9	P/F-	PRIOR'S PADDOCK 308 P Cowley 9-10-10	T Fuller (7)	
10	PPP-	SNAAN 159 R Williams 7-10-10	P McDermott	
11	0-	ST ROBERT 245 T McGovern 4-10-10	W McFarland	
12	36-P	CADFORD BALARINA 7 Mrs P Joynes 4-10-5	G Upton	
13	022-	KARENDA 248 (F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-5	M Dwyer	

9-4 Karenda, 7-2 Andermatt, 5-1 Ivychurch, 7-1 Cadford Balanna, 8-1 St Robert, 12-1 Embarkation, 14-1 others.

1.45 BRANDON NOVICES CHASE
(£3,809: 2m 4f) (4)

1	4-1	BRADBURY STAR 14 (F,G,S) J Gifford 6-11-5	E McKinley
2	6/	FERRETT FINNEGAN 850 T McGovern 6-11-0	W McFarland
3	53-2	KENTISH PIPER 18 (G) N Gaselee 6-11-0	A Adams
4	00-0	TUFTER 14 A Jones 6-11-0	M Richards

2-5 Bradbury Star, 3-1 Kentish Piper, 10-1 Tufter, 20-1 other.

2.15 QUINTON HURDLE
(£2,733: 2m) (4)

1	243-	IVEAGH HOUSE 154 (D,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0	D Gallagher
2	4-22	LOGAMIMO 10 (D,F,G,S) J Hellens 5-11-0	J Corkell (7)
3	P4-R	DEEP FLASH 77 (D,F,S) M Charles 8-10-9	Judy Davies (7)
4	0U4-	FRAGRANT DAWN 180 (D,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-9	M Dwyer

4-6 Fragrant Dawn, 7-2 Iveagh House, 5-1 Logammo, 8-1 other.

2.45 STONEBRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,852. 3m 1f) (7)

1	FB-5	TEAM CHALLENGE 14 (B,D,F,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-10	D Gallagher	
2	-013	CADDY 17 (F,G,S) S Christian 10-11-5		
3	-423	GLASS MOUNTAIN 14 (F,G) P Blockley 9-10-12	P Midgley (7)	
4	1F-1	TOM BIR 14 (C,F,G,S) A Turnell 9-10-11	I Lawrence	
5	21FF	DIANES DESTINY 7 (F,G,S) J Upson 7-10-8	R Supple	
6	-121	A LAD INSANE 17 (D,F) K Bailey 10-10-7	A Adams	
7	32-5	MARSHLANDER 17 (F) D Gandolfo 12-10-4	M Dwyer	

11-4 Tom Bir, 3-1 A Lad Insane, 9-2 Glass Mountain, 6-1 Dianes Destiny, 8-1 Caddy, 10-1 Team Challenge, 12-1 Marshlander.

3.15 BEANS ENGINEERING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,076: 2m 5f) (6)

1	55-5	OLYMPIAN 28 (C,F,G) T McGovern 4-12-0	W McFarland	
2	112-	MAYFAIR MINX 154 (CD,F) S Christian 7-11-0	M McGonagle (7)	
3	2P35	LAVA FALLS 14 (F) M Banks 5-10-12	I Lawrence	
4	211-	LONGGHURST 209 (F,G,S) B Forsey 8-10-5	I Shoemark	
5	4232	HARD TO HOLD 18 (F,G) C Beever 8-10-0	Mr A Hambly	
6	-006	ROY HOBBS 28 (F) K Burke 4-10-0	J Railton	

9-4 Olympian, 11-4 Mayfair Minx, 7-2 Longghurst, 6-1 Hard To Hold, 10-1 Lava Falls, 14-1 Roy Hobbs.

3.45 FRANKTON HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,265: 2m) (8)

1	3511	TILDEBO 16 (D,F,G,S) J Webber 7-12-0	M Lynch	
2	6-1P	NOBLE EYRE 14 (D,F,G,S) D Gandolfo 10-11-11	D Meade(7)	
3	4252	MASTER SALESMAN 14 (D,F,G) B Rothwell 8-11-1	F Murtagh (7)	
4	P-52	NO DAW 8 (F) F Sheridan 7-10-8	R Supple	
5	2F-6	FOCUS ON FOSTER 82 (B,F) J Webber 8-10-8	M Field (7)	
6	5353	WILL'S BOUNTY 14 (D,F) J Colston 8-10-5	V Slattery (5)	
7	-611	RAG TIME BELLE 7 (D,F,G) G Charles-Jones 5-10-4	M Dwyer	
8	53-5	BASIL THYME 16 (C,D,F,S) T Bailey 11-10-0	J Lodder	

11-4 Rag Time Belle, 7-2 Tildebo, 5-1 Master Salesman, 13-2 No Daw, 8-1 Will's Bounty, 12-1 others.

4.15 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£2,082: 2m) (25)

1	5-	CALL KENTONS 341 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-2	D Sullivan (7)
2	4	COBBLERS LAD 35 J White 5-11-2	I Shoemark
3	0	CRUISE CONTROL 8 M Wilkinson 5-11-2	Mr K Hollowell
4	0-	DE LOS ANDES 158 Mrs S Oliver 5-11-2	D Poole (7)
5		FLING IN SPRING J McConnochie 5-11-2	J Pullin (7)
6		GENERAL SHOT J Edwards 5-11-2	M Allen (7)
7		LASTOFTHEVIKINGS J Needham 6-11-2	A Rannigan (7)
8	0-	MAN OF MYSTERY 238 C Tinstline 5-11-2	F Murtagh (7)
9		NEVADA GOLD Mrs S Minns 5-11-2	B Clifford (7)
10		REMEMBER CHARTER M Pipe 5-11-2	M Foster (5)
11		RIVER RED J White 5-11-2	N Leach (7)
12		WOODLANDSFOR POWER P Pritchard 5-11-2	P Barnard (3)
13		BOLD MAN D Barons 4-11-0	Mr G Oxley
14	3	BRIGHT BOUNCE 38 R Hollinshead 4-11-0	S Wynne (7)
15		COUNTERBID J Edwards 4-11-0	Mr R Davis (7)
16		GOLDINGO G Price 4-11-0	
17		TOP JAVALIN D Barons 4-11-0	Mr R Darke (7)
18		AVESOMMATHAT P Cowley 4-10-9	T Fuller (7)
19		FIVE STARS J Colston 4-10-9	V Slattery (5)
20		GLENSIDE GOLD W Brabourne 4-10-9	S Davies (5)
21	0-	HATTON'S FESTIVAL 243 J Pearce 4-10-9	P McEntee (7)
22	0-	MERCY STREET 210 Miss H Knight 4-10-9	Miss C Hyde (7)
23	0	RAGLAN LADY 36 A James 4-10-9	E Tierney (5)
24		SPRINGMOUNTVENTURE J Mackie 4-10-9	
25	5	STAR THYME 21 J Mackie 4-10-9	

7-2 Bright Bounce, 4-1 Top Javalin, 5-1 Call Kentons, 11-2 Cobblers Lad, 7-1 Bold Man, 10-1 Counterbid, River Red. 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 7 winners from 24 runners, 29.2%; J Gifford, 8 from 28, 28.6%; N Gaselee, 8 from 28, 28.6%; M Pipe, 27 from 101, 26.7%, J Upson, 3 from 13, 23.1%; Mrs J Pitman, 13 from 62, 21%

JOCKEYS: A Adams, 6 winners from 18 rides, 33.3%; R Supple, 4 from 18, 22.2%, G Upton, 5 from 25, 20%; S Smith Eccles, 7 from 45, 15.6%; D Gallagher, 4 from 32, 12.5%; Dale McKeown, 3 from 25, 12%

☐ Lycius is to retire to stud in Britain. The Mr Prospector colt will stand at owner Sheikh Mohammed's Dalham Hall Stud at Newmarket. His fee for the 1992 season will be £12,000.

WETHERBY

MANDARIN
1.05 Clay County. 1.35 Swift Sword. 2.05 Mr Monday. 2.35 Celtic Shot. 3.05 Kings Fountain. 3.35 Calapaez. 4.10 Precious Boy.

THUNDERER
1.05 Clay County. 1.35 Swift Sword. 2.05 Mr Monday. 2.35 Docklands Express. 3.05 Choice Challange. 3.35 Yorkshire Holly. 4.10 Kanndabil.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.05 CLIFFORD NOVICES CHASE
(£2,412: 2m 50yd) (8 runners)

1	4-11	CLAY COUNTY 14 (D,F,G,S) R Allan 6-11-10	B Storey	
2	FF12	NORTHERN LION 12 (F,G) R Thompson 8-11-10	A Webb	
3	1342	WHO'S IN CHARGE 17 (F) G Coatsworth 7-11-4	A Merrigan	
4	/UU-	CROWN CROSSETT 281 E Cane 9-10-12	Mr P J McLoughlin (7)	
5	4-33	HEIR OF EXCITEMENT 38 (G) A Stringer 6-10-12	G Bradley	
6	400-	LEIGH BOY 178 (F,G,S) G Moore 5-10-12	J Callaghan	
7	04-2	WINEOFUS 7 (BF,F,G) M H Easterby 5-10-12	R Garritty	
8		SPREE CROSS W A Stephenson 5-10-12	C Grant	

15-8 Clay County, 7-2 Nineohs, 4-1 Northern Lion, 6-1 Heir Of Excitement, 10-1 Who's In Charge, 12-1 Spree Cross, 14-1 others.

1.35 WENSLEYDALE JUVENILE HURDLE
(Grade II: £6,890: 2m) (9)

1	1-	CASTIGLIERO 171 (D) C Brooks 11-5	G Bradley	
2		BELLTON 23F Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-12	D Byrne	
3		CALL FOR ROONEY 23F A Smith 10-12	C Grant	
4	1	CRIMSON CLOUD 4F (D,G) N Tinkler 10-12	M Hill	
5		FIT THE BILL 7F J Wainwright 10-12	R Marley	
6	22	GALLATEEN 21 (B,BF) G Richards 10-12	N Doughty	
7	0	NEXT BOOM 17 K Morgan 10-12	A S Smith	
8	2	SWIFT SWORD 17 (BF) Mrs G Reveley 10-12	P Niven	
9	3	DANCING STREET 17 R Whitaker 10-7	S Turner	

11-4 Swift Sword, 7-2 Crimson Cloud, 4-1 Gallateen, 6-1 Castigliero, 8-1 Dancing Street, 10-1 Belton, 12-1 others.

2.05 RUSHLEVEL CONSTRUCTION NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,040: 3m) (13)

1	6-1	MR MONDAY 7 (F) W A Stephenson 5-11-1	C Grant	
2	3/0-	ANOTHER NICK 23F J Jefferson 5-10-11	B Dalton (7)	
3	60-	COUNTORUS 196 J Johnson 5-10-11	B Storey	
4	3335	FIGHTING JESSICA 9 (G) J Upson 6-10-11	J Supple (7)	
5	5	JOCK'S BURN 28 G Richards 5-10-11	N Doughty	
6	33-3	MIDLAND LAD 17 J Eyre 6-10-11	A Mullholland	
7	33-P	MISTER MOODY 18 J Hellens 6-10-11	A Orkney	
8	54	RAIN MAN 15 M Hammond 6-10-11	P Niven	
9	5-83	SHELTON ABBEY 10 (BF) W A Stephenson 5-10-11	K Johnson	
10	0PP-	SPY HILL 193 Mrs S Bramall 5-10-11	J O'Gorman	
11	031-	BRIG'S GAZELLE 333 (G) I Park 9-10-6	N Smith (5)	
12	06-5	REGAN 17 Miss J Barclay 4-10-4	B Powell	
13	U-	TRICOTRIC 24F G Moore 4-10-4	J Callaghan	

11-4 Mr Monday, 7-2 Jock's Burn, 4-1 Midland Lad, 5-1 Mister Moody, 8-1 Shelton Abbey, 10-1 Jock's Burn, 12-1 others.

2.35 CHARLIE HALL CHASE
(Grade II: £16,204: 3m 100yd) (7)

1	104-	CELTIC SHOT 212 (CD,G,S) C Brooks 9-11-10	G Bradley	
2	43-1	BISHOPDALE 21 (CD,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 10-11-2	C Grant	
3	F11-	DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 176 (D,F,G,S) K Bailey 9-11-2	A Tory	
4	P5-5	KILDIMO 28 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 11-11-2	J Callaghan	
5	3F-1	KILLBANON 28 (D,F,G,S) C Tinstline 9-11-2	B Powell	
6	44-1	OLD APPLEJACK 10 (CD,F,G,S) J Johnson 11-11-2	B Storey	
7	P00-	TARTAN TAILOR 154 (C,D,F,G,S) G Richards 10-11-2	N Doughty	

10-11 Celtic Shot, 4-1 Docklands Express, 6-1 Killbanon, 8-1 Bishopdale, 12-1 Old Applejack, 14-1 Kildimo, 16-1 Tartan Tailor.

3.05 WIGHILL HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,889: 2m 4f 100yd) (7)

1	111-	KINGS FOUNTAIN 178 (D,F,G) K Bailey 8-12-0	A Tory	
2	2332	CAPTAIN MOR 17 (CD,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 9-11-11	K Johnson	
3	21-3	SWORD BEACH 17 (BF,D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 7-11-11	R Garritty	
4	20-2	MONUMENTAL LAD 21 (BF,G,S) Mrs H Parrott 8-10-12	D Leahy (7)	
5	14-1	CHOICE CHALLANGE 17 (CD,F,G,S) M Hammond	8-10-11 P Niven	
6	1-21	SIMPLE PLEASURE 14 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Stirk 5-10-0	A Orkney	
7	2P1-	CAVALIER CROSSETT 155 (F,G,S) E Caine 10-10-0	Mr P J McLoughlin (7)	

11-4 Choice Challange, 3-1 Kings Fountain, 9-2 Monumental Lad, 6-1 Sword Beach, 8-1 Simple Pleasure, 10-1 others.

3.35 WEST YORKSHIRE HURDLE
(Grade II: £9,660: 3m) (6)

1	351-	RANDOLPH PLACE 182 (G,S) G Richards 10-11-7	N Doughty	
2	110-	CAB ON TARGET 212 (C,G,S) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-4	P Niven	
3	20-3	CALAPAEZ 14 (D,F,G,S) Miss B Sanders 7-11-0	B Powell	
4	/30-	VAYRUA 184F (S) J Hellens 8-11-0	A Orkney	
5	139-	YORKSHIRE HOLLY 15F (CD,G,S) M Avison 8-11-0	Mr S Swiers	
6	2P1-	NESSFIELD 19F (CD,G,S) K Morgan 5-10-9	A S Smith	

11-10 Cab On Target, 4-1 Calapaez, 5-1 Randolph Place, 8-1 Yorkshire Holly, 10-1 Nessfield, 12-1 Vayrua.

4.10 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP HURDLE

Celtic Shot to stage Wetherby repeat

SOME of the big guns from the jumping world will be in action for the first time this season today with the Whitbread Gold Cup winner Docklands Express taking on the former champion hurdler Celtic Shot at Wetherby and the Two-Mile Champion Chase winner Katabatic up against the previous season's Gold Cup winner Norton's Coin at Chepstow.

Twelve months ago, Charlie Brooks sent Celtic Shot north from Lambourn to the Yorkshire track to win the grade two Charlie Hall Chase, also on his seasonal debut.

History should be repeated today since the Graham Bradley-partnered nine-year-old is said to be in fine form following a sparkling workout on Newbury racecourse recently.

Last year Celtic Shot beat Kildimo and Old Applejack. What he achieved then he is capable of repeating now, more especially since he will be meeting all his rivals on better terms than he would in a handicap. Even Docklands Express is set to receive 11lb from Celtic Shot in the Hennessy whereas the difference today is 8lb.

While Celtic Shot's stable companion Castigliero should go well in the grade two Wensleydale Juvenile Hurdle having won at Enghien in May, I doubt him being able to concede 8lb at this stage of his career to the equally promising Swift Sword, whose exciting stable companion Cab On Target will begin a fresh season by contesting the

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

West Yorkshire Hurdle.

However, the weight of experience, not to mention the actual weights carried, favour Randolph Place, Calapaez and Yorkshire Holly. Capalaez is preferred on the strength of that promising first run behind Sybillin and Royal Derbi at Kempton over a distance short of his best.

If Docklands Express fails his examination, compensation for his trainer Kim Bailey and jockey Anthony Tory can come in the form of that exciting prospect Kings Fountain winning the Wighill Handicap Chase.

Meanwhile at Chepstow, Luke Harvey has a good chance of landing a treble on Katabatic (1.30), Coe (2.00) and Sailor Blue (3.30).

Katabatic should have too much pace for Norton's Coin over two miles in the South Wales Electricity Chase while the Reg Akehurst-trained Coe appeals as a sporting nap to win the Tote Silver Trophy with only 10st 5lb on his back even though he was beaten into third place by Royal Square at Kempton a fortnight ago.

An improved performance can be expected from Coe since that was his first race for a long time whereas Royal Square was already race-fit, having won earlier at Fontwell. Catch The Cross, from Martin Pipe's stable, and Peanuts Pet, who will be all the sharper for that good run on the Flat at Nottingham 11 days ago, are the other obvious dangers.

At Sandown, I picture Golden Celtic having too much speed and experience for Captain Dibble in the Arlington Premier Chase, while Karenda (1.15) and Fragrant Dawn (2.15) are likely winners for Jimmy Fitzgerald and Mark Dwyer at Warwick where the Brandon Novices' Chase was reopened yesterday after a paltry acceptance of two to now present Bradbury Star a gilt-edged chance of winning again.

Newmarket's final meeting of the year can close with John Gosden sustaining his fine end-of-season charge by winning the Ben Marshall Stakes with Cardinal Point, who is taken to make telling effect of the 6lb that he receives from Rudimentary.



Brooks: high hopes for Celtic Shot encore

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 1.10 Noble Pet.

NEWMARKET

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
1.10 Double Feature.	1.10 Plan Ahead.	3.10 RUDIMENTARY (nap).
1.40 Zigaura.	1.40 Smiling Sun.	
2.10 Captain Horatius.	2.10 Bonny Scot.	
2.40 Scales Of Justice.	2.40 BARFORD LAD (nap).	
3.10 Cardinal Point.	3.10 Rudimentary.	
3.40 Oumaldaaya.	3.40 Oumaldaaya.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 Bonny Scot. 2.40 Barford Lad. 3.10 RUDIMENTARY (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.10 KIPINI.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

1.10 KINGS COLLEGE CHOIR SCHOOL APPEAL NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £4,160: 5f) (18 runners)

101	(18)	022	NOBLE PET 12 (B) (A Scott) P Makin 9-7	B Raymond	97
102	(11)	100006	MENTALASANYTHIN 44 (D,S) (A McPherson) A Bailey 9-5	K Fallon	94
103	(5)	052322	PLAN AHEAD 7 (Plantlow (Leasing) Ltd) G Lewis 9-3	F Norton (5)	93
104	(7)	0003	EMPEEKA 45 (H) (W O Gorman) W O'Gorman 9-2	Emma O'Gorman (5)	93
105	(1)	056	ALL EARZ 22 (E Addison) M Johnston 9-0	Dean McKeown	86
106	(16)	123100	*MISS SHADOWFAX 5 (F,G)* (Mrs J Jones) *C Allen 9-0*	Mick Denard (7)	94
107	(4)	544800	CHUMMY'S DILEMMA 16 (C Saventa) N Callaghan 8-10	D Holland	92
108	(14)	056005	MANSBER 15 (D Baldwin) Pat Mitchell 8-9	S O'Gorman (3)	85
109	(3)	60	KINGSDOWN EVENT 9 (G Allen) R Hannon 8-5	A McGlone	84
110	(2)	402360	CROMER'S EXPRESS 14 (V) (G Cooper) Mrs L Siddall 8-5	M Roberts	93
111	(17)	04000	GOOGLY 11 (A Lansley) W Wightman 8-4	T Williams	91
112	(6)	31600	DOUBLE FEATURE 18 (G) (R Sangster) Mrs J Ramsden 8-3	J Weaver (7)	97
113	(8)	540605	*NIGHT ASSET 5 (B) (R Boyd) G Lewis 8-3*	Paul Eddery	90
114	(12)	00030	HIGH POST 5 (V Squaglia) D Marks 8-0	A Munro	85
115	(9)	4040	KIPINI 96 (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 7-12	A Mackay	96
116	(13)	000	DEEVEE 141 (D Turner) C Benstead 7-12	J Lowe	86
117	(15)	005000	BROUGHTON'S TANGO 8 (Broughton Thermal Insulation) W Musson 7-10	N Adams	91
118	(10)	420060	LOCH NIAL 26 (J McCarthy) J Spearing 7-9	A Garth (7)	98

BETTING: 9-4 Plan Ahead, 4-1 Double Feature, 13-2 Night Asset, 9-1 Mentalasanymun, 10-1 Miss Shadowfax, 12-1 All Earz, Noble Pet, 16-1 Kipini, 20-1 Deevee, 25-1 others.

1990: MERRYHILL MAID 8-5 R Cochrane (14-1) J Harris 21 ran

1.40 ROYSTON STAKES (£6,056: 7f) (8 runners) C4

201	(1)	022522	SHAFOURI 18 (D,F) (A Jarlett) Mrs L Piggott 3-9-8	A Munro	88
202	(6)	390502	SMILING SUN 16 (G) (S Pustok) W O'Gorman 3-9-8	R Cochrane	91
203	(4)	6-123	GUECA SOLO 77 (BF,G) (C St George) H Cecil 3-9-3	G Carter	90
204	(5)	201646	ZIGAURA 105 (D,F) (Mrs J Gibson) D Elsworth 3-9-3	J Williams	99
205	(7)	062310	AASFF 10 (BF,F) (H AlMaktoum) D Morley 2-8-1	Paul Eddery	72
206	(8)	33	MUHARIB 9 (F Kelly) N Callaghan 2-7-12	D Holland	95
207	(3)	650	NORTHERN BLADE 16 (Mrs G Maloney) R Hollinshead 2-7-12	N Carlisle	74
208	(2)	0	SNAPPY'S BOY JOSH 45 (R Wright) R King 2-7-12	R Price	—

BETTING: 3-1 Zigaura, 7-2 Gueca Solo, 4-1 Muharib, 5-1 Shafouri, 13-2 Smiling Sun, 12-1 Aasff, 25-1 others.

1990: GOLDEN BIRCH 2-8-1 W Carson (7-2 jt-fav) W Wightman 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHAFOURI 1½l 2nd of 7 to Abl in Chepstow (6f, good) stakes race, earlier hd 2nd of 11 to Souk in handicap on the July Course (7f, good) with SMILING SUN (3lb better off) 2½l 5th.
SMILING SUN hd 2nd of 17 to Perfolia in handicap over course and distance (good to firm). GUECA SOLO 15l 3rd of 5 to Stone Mill in Ripon (1m 1f, good to firm) apprentice race; previously 3l 2nd of 7 to Lord Charmer in graduation race on the July Course (1m, 2f, good). ZIGAURA 3¾l 4th of 6 to Only Yours in group 3 Child Stakes on the July Course (1m, good) on penultimate start. AASFF beat Golosmiche Hall nk in 7-runner Newcastle (1m, firm) maiden on penultimate start. MUHARIB 5½l 3rd of 7 to Lion Cavern in group 3 Horns Hill Stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, good).
Selection: MUHARIB

2.10 SPORTING LIFE ZETLAND STAKES C4
(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £10,416: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

301	(1)	151	CAPTAIN HORATIUS 36 (G,S) (D Hunnisett) J Dunlop 9-1	J Reid	95
302	(3)		ACROBATE (R Tooth) P Kelleway 8-12	G Carter	—
303	(2)	44110	BEYTON 29 (F) (D Cook) R Hannon 8-12	B Raymond	99
304	(4)	31	BONNY SCOT 24 (S) (Lord Weinstock) L Cumani 8-12	M Roberts	82
305	(8)	2121	BUNDESBANK 25 (F,G) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-12	Paul Eddery	95
306	(9)	021	CASTILLET 12 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 8-12	R Cochrane	81
307	(5)	301	RULLY 11 (S) (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 8-12	A Munro	81
308	(6)	0231	SWORD MASTER 5 (G) (I Vogt) Bob Jones 8-12	V Smith	85
309	(7)	0135	KASIKCI 52 (G) (Mrs B Faccheno) N Callaghan 8-7	D Holland	87

BETTING: 5-2 Bonny Scot, 3-1 Captain Horatius, 11-2 Bundesbank, 6-1 Castillet, 7-1 Beyton, 15-2 Sword Master, 10-1 Rully, 16-1 others.

1990: MATAHIF 8-12 W Carson (4-1) R Armstrong 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAPTAIN HORATIUS beat BUNDESBANK (3lb better off) 4l in Haydock (1m, good) stakes race. BEYTON 4½l 7th of 8 to Tertian in listed race here (7f, good to firm); previously beat Well Appointed 3l in Newbury (7f 64yd, good to firm) nursery.
BONNY SCOT beat Three Wells 1½l in 8-runner Haydock (1m, good to soft) maiden. BUNDESBANK beat Vanborough Lad head in 18-runner Warwick (1m, good) nursery. CASTILLET beat Grand Master 3½l in 12-runner Nottingham (1m 2f, good to firm) maiden. RULLY beat Nefsegnty 2½l in Chester (7f 122yd, good to soft) maiden. SWORD MASTER beat Jape ½l in Bath (1m, good) maiden. KASIKCI 10½l 6th (placed 5th) to Midnight Air in group III May Hill Stakes at Doncaster (1m, good to firm).
Selection: CAPTAIN HORATIUS (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
W Hern	28	108	25.9	R Cochrane	59	442	13.3
H Cecil	78	349	22.3	M Hills	37	296	12.5
N Graham	3	15	20.0	M Roberts	61	497	12.3
M Stoute	58	298	19.5	A Munro	14	136	10.3
J Gosden	16	82	19.5	J Fortune	5	49	10.2
M Prescott	8	45	17.8	L Newton	3	30	10.0

(Not including yesterday's results)

2.40 AUTUMN HANDICAP (£11,745: 1m) (17 runners) C4

401	(5)	021000	PONTENUOVO 16 (D,F,G) (W Martin) D Elsworth 6-9-10	M Roberts	99
402	(4)	205060	*TWO LEFT FEET 93 (CD,F,G,S) (P Makin)* M Prescott 4-9-10	M Birch	87
403	(2)	200000	MAC'S FIGHTER 14 (C,F,G) (M McDonnell) W O'Gorman 6-9-5	Dean McKeown	94
404	(12)	000015	SELAAH 21 (D,BF,F,G) (A AlMaktoum) M Stoute 4-9-4	R Cochrane	94
405	(11)	6-00030	KATZAKEENA 29 (F) (Mrs R Hill) P Makin 4-9-1	J Reid	90
406	(3)	16/6500-	RED PADDY 345 (D,F,G) (J Wakefield) P Makin 6-8-11	T Sprake	82
407	(1)	552233	LANGTRY LADY 10 (D,F,S) (Mrs T Baron) M Ryan 5-8-9	D Biggs (5)	97
408	(9)	0-1255	SARIAH 21 (C,BF,G) (H AlMaktoum) W Hern 3-8-5	D Holland	90
409	(6)	152333	*POLONEZ PRIMA 8 (C,D,F,G) (M Aldrich) J Banks 4-8-5*	L Newton (5)	97
410	(14)	000101	SHARPALTO 10 (B,G,S) (Mapcrew Bloodstock) E Wheeler 4-8-2	B Thomas (7)	96
411	(13)	551130	COLOUR SERGEANT 7 (D) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-1	W Ryan	94
412	(15)	1-24046	MYSTIC CRYSTAL 14 (S Pustok) W O'Gorman 3-8-1	Paul Eddery	98
413	(8)	300411	SCALES OF JUSTICE 8 (CD,F,G) (C Wright) J Hills 5-7-13	R Hills	96
414	(10)	315015	CROFT VALLEY 4 (CD,F) (Miss V Pratt) R Whitaker 4-7-13	Dale Gibson	87
415	(7)	253045	BARFORD LAD 28 (D,S) (Mrs C Handscombe) J Fanshawe 4-7-12	G Carter	95
416	(16)	555003	BOURNVILLE 14 (C,F,G) (Mrs B Lee) D Arbuthnot 5-7-11	A Munro	97
417	(16)	030023	USA DOLLAR 9 (B,CD,F) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 4-7-7	J Quinn	95

Long handicap: USA Dollar 7-3.
BETTING: 11-2 Scales Of Justice, 6-1 Selaah, 7-1 Barford Lad, 8-1 Sariah, 9-1 Langtry Lady, 10-1 Pontenuovo, 12-1 Bournville, USA Dollar, Sharpalto, 14-1 Polonez Prima, Mystic Crystal, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

PONTENUOVO 12l 8th of 17 to Perfolia in handicap here (7f, good to firm) with MAC'S FIGHTER 8l 14th. TWO LEFT FEET 8½l 8th of 15 to Sky Cloud in valuable Goodwood (1m, good) handicap.
SELAAH beat Navland 1½l in 6-runner Ascot (1m, good to firm) handicap on penultimate start. LANGTRY LADY 2 al 3rd of 12 to Wild And Loose in Ascot (1m, good) handicap on penultimate start with SELAAH (10lb better off) 4½l 5th. BARFORD LAD 4½l 5th of 25 to Mellottie in valuable handicap here (1m 1f, good to firm) with POLONEZ PRIMA (2lb better off) 2½l 9th and CROFT VALLEY (4lb worse off) 10th.
SHARPALTO beat Com Funuses ¾l in 12-runner Chepstow (7f 122yd, good to soft) handicap with LANGTRY LADY 3lb better off) sh hd 3rd. COLOUR SERGEANT 3¼l 3rd of 14 to Daswaki in handicap over course and distance (good to firm); on penultimate start SCALES OF JUSTICE beat King of Chance 1½l in 17-runner Doncaster (1m, good to firm) handicap with POLONEZ PRIMA (4lb better off) nk 3rd. CROFT VALLEY beat USA DOLLAR (7lb worse off) nk in 23-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm) on penultimate start with BOURNVILLE (2lb better off) neck 3rd and MYSTIC CRYSTAL (4lb better off) ¾l 5th. BARFORD LAD 4½l 5th of 25 to Mellottie in valuable handicap here (1m 1f, good to firm) with POLONEZ PRIMA (2lb better off) 2½l 9th and CROFT VALLEY (4lb worse off) 10th.
Selection: SCALES OF JUSTICE

3.10 BEN MARSHALL STAKES (Listed race: £10,507: 1m) (7 runners) C4

501	(7)	13/210-3	MILITARY FASHION 15 (C,D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 5-9-1	J Fortune	88
502	(6)	21331	RUDIMENTARY 29 (CD,F) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 3-9-1	M Roberts	94
503	(1)	106320	ST NINIAN 28 (D,F,G,S) (Lady Murless) M H Easterby 5-8-12	M Birch	99
504	(2)	241100	HYABELLA 35 (CD,F,G) (Helena Springfield Ltd) M Stoute 3-8-10	J Reid	88
505	(5)	111	CARDINAL POINT 11 (D,F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-9	R Cochrane	94
506	(4)	5-40200	CLOCHE D'OR 114 (F) (Mrs C Patterson) C Brittain 3-8-4	A Munro	96
507	(3)	050024	SILVER BRAID 22 (G) (L Wardle) D Elsworth 3-8-4	Paul Eddery	95

BETTING: 9-4 Rudimentary, 5-2 Cardinal Point, 4-1 Military Fashion, 6-1 St Ninian, 10-1 Silver Braid, Hyabella, Cloche D'Or.

1990: TWO LEFT FEET 3-8-9 G Duffield (4-1) M Prescott 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

MILITARY FASHION 4¼l 3rd of 10 to Susurration in listed race here (1m 1f, good to firm) earlier beat Kates Cache 4l in 5-runner stakes race here (1m 1f, good). RUDIMENTARY beat Crescendo 2l in 9-runner listed race over course and distance (good to firm). ST NINIAN 8l 17th of 28 to Mellottie in valuable handicap here (1m 1f, good to firm), previously 2½l 2nd of 10 to Sharma in York (1m 1f, good to firm) listed race. HYABELLA disappointing since beating Sharma 2½l in Sandown (1m, good) listed race in August. CARDINAL POINT beat Super Sally 1l in 12-runner Chepstow (1m, good to soft) stakes race. CLOCHE D'OR 1l 2nd of 9 to Lee Ariste in Haydock (6f, good to firm) listed race in May. SILVER BRAID 3¼l 4th of 10 to Chipaya in Ascot (1m, good) listed race previously 5l hd 2nd of 7 to You Know The Rules in Doncaster (1m, good to firm) listed race with HYABELLA (2lb worse off) 14l 7th.
Selection: SILVER BRAID

3.40 EBF BALATON LODGE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,500: 7f) (22 runners)

601	(1)	0	BEAR WITH ME 39 (Mrs T Stopford-Sackville) M Bell 8-11	M Hills	—
602	(19)		BRU-NA-BOINNE (N Sweeney) R Hollinshead 8-11	G Hind	—
603	(9)		FLEETING RAINBOW (C Bridge) J Dunlop 8-11	W Newnes	—
604	(15)		KASISI (Mrs H Slade) A Stewart 8-11	M Roberts	—
605	(20)		KELIMUTU (F Oppenheimer) C Wall 8-11	S Webster	—
606	(17)		KENTUCKY CHICKEN (G Cooper) N Graham 8-11	J Fortune	—
607	(8)		LA COUSINE (Mrs J Hislop) C Brittain 8-11	B Doyle (5)	—
608	(14)		MAJI (S Ventana) D Morley 8-11	S Whitworth	—
609	(11)	3	MARINSKY 25 (Lord Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 8-11	Paul Eddery	92
610	(18)	582	MERE CHANTS 28 (V Behrens) D Elsworth 8-11	J Williams	81
611	(7)		MILANESE (W McAlpine) D Morley 8-11	E Bentley (7)	—
612	(4)		MISS PLUM (E St George) H Cecil 8-11	G Carter	—
613	(21)	52	OUMALDAAYA 23 (BF) (H AlMaktoum) J Dunlop 8-11	J Reid	97
614	(12)		PORTREE (D Wills) H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan	—
615	(6)	0	POST IMPRESSIONIST 30 (H Kasken) B Hills 8-11	D Holland	—
616	(14)		PRINCESS EVITA (S Lury) R Guest 8-11	G Baxter	—
617	(16)		SHARP DANCE (Mrs L Dresher) Miss H Knight 8-11	R Hills	—
618	(10)		*SHIPS LANTERN (S De Chair) C Wall 8-11*	B Raymond	—
619	(13)	2	SILICA 19 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11	R Cochrane	99
620	(5)		TALES OF WISDOM (F Salmon) M Prescott 8-11	A Munro	—
621	(15)	05	TWO BIRDS 161 (R Brooke) C Horgan 8-11	Dale Gibson	72
622	(22)		WAND (Cliveden Stud) H Cecil 8-11	A McGlone	—

BETTING: 3-1 Oumaldaaya, 4-1 Wand, Silica, 5-1 Portree, 8-1 Kasisi, 10-1 Miss Plum, 16-1 others.

1990: CAMPESTRAL 8-11 P D'Arcy (20-1) M Stoute 20 ran

Tertian to extend winning run

FROM OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

ANDRE Fabre's Tertian, who won the Somerville Tattersalls Stakes at Newmarket, can successfully defend his unbeaten record in the £35,642 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte today.

Though Britain is represented by Conrad Allen's Taylor Quigley (Michael Tebbutt), the chief danger to Tertian is Francois Boutin's Absurde, second to Marling in the Cheveley Park Stakes.

Tomorrow's feature is the ten-furlong £50,916 Criterium de Saint-Cloud, which can be won by Calling Collect. Paul Cole is represented here by Grand Master (Alan Munro).

Better hopes of a British victory is John Gosden's Susurration (Frankie Dettori) in the £20,367 Prix Perth. David Elsworth's Dolpour (Cash Asmussen) also takes his chance.

SANDOWN PARK

MANDARIN
12.50 Among Friends. 1.20 Rowlandsons Jewels. 1.50 Black Humour. 2.25 Cuddy Dale. 2.55 Golden Celtic. 3.25 The Blue Boy. 4.00 One More Dream.

THUNDERER
12.50 Among Friends. 1.20 Man O'Magic. 1.50 Take Issue. 2.25 Ross Venture. 2.55 Golden Celtic. 3.25 The Blue Boys. 4.00 One More Dream.

Richard Evans: 4.00 One More Dream.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (CHASE COURSE); GOOD (HURDLES) SIS

12.50 NOVEMBER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,979: 2m 5f 75yd) (15 runners)

1	-231	GREAT MILL 12 (B,D,F,G) K Bailey 4-11-10		JF Bellamy	
2	233-	LESBET 254 (F) C Widman 6-11-6		B Clifford	
3	0/10/	ALLEN'S MISTAKE 1114 (F) C Weedon 7-11-5		D O'Sullivan	
4	66-2	AMONG FRIENDS 14 G Balding 5-11-2		A Maguire	
5	411/	FOODBROKER FLYER 907 (F,G) R Akehurst 7-10-13		G Heaver	
6	4P8-	DANDY MINSTREL 215 (F,G,S) E Wheeler 7-10-12		P Barnard	
7	052-	HELLO SAM 247 (F) J Bennett 8-10-12		J Leech	
8	4330	HIGHLAND BOUNTY 14 (F,G) S Dow 7-10-11		A Dicken	
9	/05	MY NEW BEST FRIEND 16 (F) R Callow 7-10-8		M A Fitzgerald	
10	233F	STANWAY 14 (F) Mrs P Joynes 4-10-4		W Marston	
11	2/2	HIGH FINANCE 9 R Weaver 6-10-2		D Bentley	
12	0-15	STANDARD ROSE 8F (D,F,S) M Channon 8-10-1		K Brennan	
13	-251	MISTRESS ROSS 8 (F) G Thorner 8-10-0		S Donohoe	
14	60F-	WELSH COMMANDER 215 (G) T Etherington 8-10-0		R Martin	
15	00-4	CUT'N DRY 21 (F,S) A Ridout 11-10-0		A Procter	

7-2 Great Mill, 4-1 Among Friends, 5-1 Standard Rose, Mistress Ross, 8-1 Lesbet, My New Best Friend, 10-1 others.

1.20 GUNPOWDER PLOT HANDICAP CHASE (£3,978: 3m 118yd) (4)

1	4UF-	MAN O'MAGIC 215 (B,D,F,G,S) K Bailey 10-12-0	Mr M Armytage	
2	341-	ROWLANDSONS JEWELS 238 (CD,F,G,S) D McSmith 10-10-9	J Osborne	
3	P3P-	CORUSCATE 234 (CD,F,G) J Gifford 9-10-0	D Murphy	
4	22-1	LE GRAND MAITRE 38 (D,F,G,S) G Rea 10-10-0	R Dunwoody	

4-5 Man O'Magic, 7-4 Rowlandsons Jewels, 11-2 Coruscate, 25-1 Le Grand Maitre.

1.50 PEDIGREE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£4,104: 2m) (6)

1	1F6-	BLACK HUMOUR 205 (D,G,S) C Brooks 7-12-0	R Dunwoody	
2	/5F-	RUN HIGH 12F (D,S) P Mitchell 8-10-0	D Murphy	
3	131-	DOC'S COAT 226 (D,F,S) C Widman 6-10-0	A Carroll	
4	0/1	TAKE ISSUE 21 (D,G,S) J Sutcliffe 6-10-0	A Maguire (5)	
5	22/	LOBRIC 642 (D,F,G) J Jenkins 6-10-0	M Ahern	
6	14-4	BOLD REPUBLIC 14 (D,S) C Coyne 5-10-0	J Osborne	

6-4 Black Humour, 2-1 Take Issue, 9-2 Run High, 7-1 Doc's Coat, 20-1 Lobric, 25-1 Bold Republic.

2.25 CITY LINK HANDICAP CHASE
(£5,095: 2m 4f 68yd) (3)

1	P-2F	CUDDY DALE 14 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) F Murphy 8-11-10	J White	
2	F3-1	SOUTHERNAIR 19 (B,D,F,G,S) J Jenkins 11-10-12	R Dunwoody	
3	11-2	ROSS VENTURE 28 (D,BF,F,G) J Edwards 8-10-0	N Williamson	

11-10 Ross Venture, 7-4 Cuddy Dale, 11-4 Southernair.

2.55 ARLINGTON PREMIER SERIES CHASE
(Qualifier: £3,473: 2m 4f 68yd) (5)

1	14-F	GOLDEN CELTIC 21 (CD,BF,G,S) Miss H Knight 7-11-7	J Osborne	
2	51-4	HEIGHT OF FUN 17 (F,S) C Popham 7-11-7	A Maguire (5)	
3	F3-F	NAATELL 7 (C,F,G,S) N Mitchell 8-11-7	R Dunwoody	
4	226-	BUCK WILLOW 235 (F,S) J Gifford 7-11-3	D Murphy	
5	50-1	*CAPTAIN DIBBLE 26 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-0*	C Llewellyn	

8-11 Golden Celtic, 4-1 Buck Willow, 5-1 Captain Dibble, Naatell, 16-1 Height Of Fun.

3.25 TOLL HOUSE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,843: 2m) (8)

1	1141	THE BLUE BOY 10 (B,D,F,G) M Pipe 11-7	P Scudamore	
2	1	DOMAIN 9 (B,D) R Weaver 11-4	Dale McGowan	
3	5135	FIERCE 14 (D,F) J Jenkins 11-4	R Dunwoody	
4	1	KEEN VISION 14 (D,G) D Arbuthnot 11-4	B de Haan	
5	18	TROJAN ENVOY 17 (G) W Carter 11-4	D Murphy	
6		CURRENT EDITION 107F G Balding 11-0	A Maguire (5)	
7	0	GALLANT EFFORT 14 S Dow 11-0	H Davies	
8		GOTTA BE JOKING 46F T Jones 11-0	T Grantham	

4-6 The Blue Boy, 3-1 Keen Vision, 8-1 Domain, 12-1 Trojan Envoy, 16-1 Current Edition, 20-1 others.

4.00 EBF NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,884: 2m) (22)

1		ABINGDON BOY Miss H Knight 6-11-0	P Davies (7)
2		BRANWELL BRONTE C Brooks 6-11-0	C Dempsey (7)
3		CANDY LAKE T Jones 5-11-0	A Madgwick (7)
4		CHUKKARO Mrs B Waring 5-11-0	Mr R Teal (7)
5	F	CLASSIC 90 J Moore 5-11-0	J Twomey (7)
6		COPPER CABLE C Smith 4-11-0	Mr M Ranger (7)
7		CROFT *MILL Miss H Knight 5-11-0*	P Verling (3)
8		ENVOPAK MAJOR J Gifford 4-11-0	Mr G Cosgrove (7)
9		FAIR BROTHER D Murray Smith 5-11-0	J McCabe (7)
10	00-	KIKIS 198 J Moore 4-11-0	S Fox (7)
11		*MINE'S AN ACE D Barons 4-11-0*	R Greene (5)
12		ON ALERT D Barons 4-11-0	Mr M Armytage (7)
13		ONE MORE DREAM G Balding 4-11-0	A Le Jeune (7)
14		PTOLEMY Miss H Knight 4-11-0	Mr J Durkan (7)
15		RUN FOR PAPA T Etherington 4-11-0	R Martin (7)
16	00-	SILKSTREAM 191 A Reid 4-11-0	S Curran (7)
17	0-	SPARTAN MAGIC 198 R Voorspuy 6-11-0	Mr J Rees (7)
18	32-	USUFRUIT III 289 S Mellor 5-11-0	J Ryan (3)
19		ZANYMAN J Edwards 5-11-0	A Maguire (5)
20	00-	DOLLY OATS 238 R Ecklay 5-10-9	A Shelton (7)
21	2	INNOCENT PRINCESS 21 D Barons 4-10-9	A Shelton (7)
22	0	NICKLARE 15 E Bevan 5-10-9	D Matthews (7)

3-1 One More Dream, 5-1 Innocent Princess, 6-1 Usufruit II, Branwell Bronte, 8-1 Envopak Major, 10-1 Fair Brother, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 7 winners from 24 runners, 29.2%; M Pipe, 13 from 46, 28.3%; C Brooks, 12 from 46, 26.1%; S Mellor, 3 from 17, 17.6%; D Murray Smith, 4 from 23, 17.4%; J Gifford, 24 from 164, 14.6%.

JOCKEYS: B de Haan, 6 winners from 24 rides, 25.0%; P Scudamore, 14 from 61, 23.0%; J Osborne, 10 from 47, 21.3%; R Dunwoody, 14 from 80, 17.5%; D Murphy, 4 from 27, 14.8%; H Davies, 6 from 60, 10.0%.

CHEPSTOW

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
1.00 Persuasive.	1.00 Tomahawk.	2.00 Peanuts Pet.
1.30 Katabatic.	1.30 Nos Na Gaoithe.	
2.00 COE (nap).	2.00 Mudahim.	
2.30 Miss Bobby Bennett.	2.30 Miss Bobby Bennett.	
3.00 Takemethere.	3.00 G W Superstar.	
3.30 Sailor Blue.	3.30 Turoldus.	

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (CHASE COURSE); SOFT (HURDLES)

1.00 WELSH BREWERS HANDICAP HURDLE BBC1
(4-Y-O: £3,655: 2m) (6 runners)

1		41P-	NATIVE TRIBE 280 (D,S) (Mrs J Beeby) G Balding 12-0	R Guest	95
2		321015-	ALL WELCOME 180 (D,G,S) (Lionville Builders Ltd) G Moore 11-10		97
3		P205-12	PERSUASIVE 21 (D,G,S) (W McHarg) Miss L Perratt 11-5	G McCourt	96
4		6100-1	TOMAHAWK 23 (D,F,S) (C Saunders & Partners) R Holder 11-4	P Scudamore	82
5		2121P2	MERANDI SPECIAL 8 (D,F) (G Hunt) J Thomas 10-2	D Tegg	98
6		23148-4	ANDRELOT 21 (B,D,G) (Mrs E Hitchins) K White 10-2	A O'Hagen	99

BETTING: 15-8 Tomahawk, 9-2 Native Tribe, 6-1 Persuasive, 8-1 All Welcome, 10-1 Merandi Special, 12-1 Andrelot.

1990: IVEAGH HOUSE 4-10-5 D Gallagher (11-8 fav) Mrs J Pitman 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

NATIVE TRIBE beat Smijaya 15l at Sandown (2m, soft) in January. ALL WELCOME beat Kannabali 1½l in 6-runner Ayr (2m, good) handicap hurdle in April with PERSUASIVE (7lb better off) 16l 5th.
PERSUASIVE 2½l 2nd of 7 to Mr Woodcock in Ayr (2m, good to firm) handicap hurdle, previously beat Smijaya short-head in 7-runner Perth (2m, good) handicap hurdle. TOMAHAWK beat To Be Fair 2½l in Wincanton (2m, good to firm) handicap hurdle. MERANDI SPECIAL 2l 2nd of 5 to Fussy Lady in Hereford (2m, good to firm) novice handicap hurdle latest. Beat Adeline Lynn 2½l in 9-runner Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, good to firm) claiming hurdle last month. ANDRELOT 5l 4th of 10 to Fast Cruise in

FOOTBALL

Adams faces surgery if Bould makes his return

By CLIVE WHITE

THE imminent return of Steve Bould from injury – he could play his first game of the season for Arsenal against West Ham United at Highbury today – means that Tony Adams, the Arsenal captain, should at long last soon be able to undergo surgery for his groin injury.

Adams can be expected to play today and against Benfica, in the return leg of their European Cup second round tie at Highbury next Wednesday, before probably having the operation which will keep him out of competitive action for up to six weeks.

It will be touch and go, though, whether he will be fit to resume for the second round of matches at the quarter-final stage of the European Cup on December 11, assuming that Arsenal are still involved.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, said that the club was scrutinising Adams's health "match by match" but conceded that Bould's recovery from a serious calf injury meant that it may now be less necessary for Adams to continue playing on with the injury.

"I might soon be in a position to decide whether Tony should go in for a small operation," he said. "We would obviously miss him, but we missed him for 13 weeks [when Adams was jailed for motoring offences] last season and still won the championship."

David James, the Watford and England Under-21 goalkeeper, has rejected a move to Aston Villa and been taken off the transfer-list. Watford agreed a £1.5 million transfer fee with Chelsea and Villa but the player was unwilling to join either club. It is understood that he has set his heart on joining Liverpool, who are talking about a figure substantially short of the second division club's valuation.

"We have given all interested parties ample opportunity to come forward, but I have received only two firm offers for David," Steve Perryman, the manager, said. James's contract at Vicarage Road expires at the end of the season.

Justin Fashanu was speculating that he may retire yesterday when Newcastle United released him at the end of an 11-day trial. Fashanu, aged 30, played for Newcastle in a Rumbelows Cup tie at Peterborough United in midweek. "I have spent a lot of time and effort trying to get back into things and now I have to ask myself whether it is time to pack it all in and try something else," he said.

Ally Mauchlen has had a transfer request granted by Leicester City. Mauchlen, who was the captain and player-coach last season, has lost both roles under the management of Brian Little and also his place in the side.

The board of directors of Northampton Town has tended its resignation at the request of the chairman, Michael McRitchie.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Job sharers: Gritt, left, and Curbishley, each with a hand on the wheel, have Charlton heading the right way

Double act know their steps

CLIVE WHITE

ONE suspects that cash, rather than continuity, was uppermost in the minds of the impoverished Charlton Athletic directors when they decided last July, after the resignation of Lennie Lawrence, to appoint from within and give dual control of fortunes on the field to Alan Curbishley and Steve Gritt.

The beauty of giving the job to the first and second team player-coaches, respectively, was that if all went awry they would not have to dismiss anybody, just bring in a new man. Nevertheless, it was a gamble. Both men, though experienced as players, had only just begun serving their apprenticeship as coaches.

It was akin to a couple of foremen from the factory floor stepping straight into top level management. But while outsiders were alarmed at the appointments, Curbishley and Gritt, both aged 33, were quietly confident because they knew better than anybody that Charlton had potential.

The club's form in the midst of last season, when it suffered just four defeats in 24 games, had alerted them to the championship capabilities in an open second division, even in a sixteenth place finish to the season.

They felt that if they could refine the playing style, making them a touch more direct (which they have done) and add a couple of new faces (which they did, in Garry Nelson and Steve Gatting from Brighton) they would be in with a chance. They have been proved not far wrong.

Indeed Charlton, who this time last season were second from bottom, could have gone top on Wednesday had they beaten Ipswich Town, instead of drawing. Not bad for a club living on the breadline and forced to pack up and move home yet again, from Selhurst Park to Upton Park.

But then, surviving in adversity has been the order of the day with the Valiants, ever since Lawrence yanked them up into the first division in 1986 and maintained a balancing act there for four years. Eventually, the club sold one player too many and Charlton returned from whence they had come.

The sorcerer's apprentices have carried on the good work and Lawrence told them as much in person this week when Curbishley and Gritt travelled to Middlesbrough to watch Lawrence's new charges take on Barnsley. "He told us that those people who ridiculed our appointment now had egg on their faces," Curbishley said.

The pair, however, had not gone to praise Lawrence but to plot his downfall; Charlton play the second division leaders at Ayresome Park on November 16. They have learnt well from their master the importance of thorough preparation. All responsibilities are shared, including the drive to and from Middlesbrough. "If we have any disagreements we talk it through and, hopefully, come to an amicable solution," Gritt said.

It was their shared belief that Charlton did not score as many goals as they ought, in particular one Carl Leaburn, whose paucity in that respect was legendary. "He got it into his mind, while he was playing under Lennie, that he was basically in the team just to flick things on for other players," Gritt said. "We've encouraged him to use his height and strength in the box and he's our joint leading scorer with six goals already."

Lawrence would be the first to admit that Curbishley and Gritt have extracted more from the players this season than he could have done. After nine years at the same club the motivation factor begins to wear thin and the continuing saga of the club's problematical return to the Valley was distracting him.

"The difference between Steve and I and Lennie is that Lennie was wrapped up in the Valley whereas we've divorced ourselves from it," Curbishley said.

They realise that the true test of their quality will come in the face of adversity – not that they have not been sufficiently schooled in that over the years at Charlton.

TENNIS

Durie made to look good as Smith crumbles

By ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

JO DURIE might be a minnow in international seas these days, but she remains a big fish in home waters. The very sight of the British No. 1 bearing down on the net sent waves of fear through Samantha Smith, her quarter-final opponent yesterday in the Volkswagen National championships. Smith won four of the first five games and only three more in the match as Durie went on to win 7-5, 6-2.

By the end of a desperately poor match, Smith was playing like one of the semi-finalists in the novice section and making her claim that she she should be in the top 100 by now seem like pure fantasy. "I didn't have a lot of chance when Jo began hitting the ball well," Smith said.

Durie contrived to drop two match points on the way to her sixth final where, for the second year in succession, she will meet Sara Gomer.

Gomer simply overpowered Monique Javer, who melted away when the heat was applied late in the first set, losing eight straight games from 5-5 in the first set. "I am trying to relax and enjoy my tennis more these days," the No. 2 seed said.

Now all she has to do is cast off the inferiority complex she suffers against Durie and she could win her first national title. But her statement that her return is "the one thing she has to cling on to" if she is to reverse a run of four defeats by Durie in the nationals is hardly a sign of overwhelming confidence.

Durie, aged 31, has some way to go before she can match Virginia Wade, who reached the final of the nationals at the age of 40, six years ago. But, Gomer apart, such is the shortage of competition in the women's ranks at the moment, she will probably be hobbling down to the post office to collect her pension long before she hops off the domestic gravy train.

Another £9,000 beckons for the winner of the singles today, making the nationals a tidy little earner for the British No. 1.

After a tough three-set win over Chris Bailey, this could be the most profitable week in the career of Mark Petchey too.

It will certainly be so for Andrew Foster, aged 19, who showed glimpses of promise as a junior, notably in winning the junior title at Queen's last year, but seemed to be heading for oblivion when a change from two hands to one on the backhand gave him a new lease of life.

He is in good company. Pete Sampras and Stefan Edberg both made the same adjustment.

RESULTS: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: A Foster (Stoke) bt G Allen (Lightcliffe and Ilkley) 7-6, 4-6, 6-2; S Petchey (Essex) bt C Bailey (Norfolk) 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; A Castle (Kent) bt D Lewis (Leics) 6-4, 6-4. Women's singles: Semi-finals: J Durie (Essex) bt S Smith (Essex) 7-5, 6-2; S Gomer (Kent) bt M Javer (Hertfordshire) 7-5, 6-0. Doubles: Semi-finals: Durie and C Wood (Essex) bt A Gonzalez (Lancs) and J Salmon (Sussex) 6-7, 6-3, 7-6.

Sampras finds spark

Paris – Pete Sampras, the No. 6 seed, displayed the kind of form which made him the US Open champion last year to crush Alexander Volkov, of the Soviet Union, in straight sets at the Paris Open here yesterday.

The American needed little more than an hour to complete a 6-2, 6-3 victory and move into the last four of the $2 million (£1.1 million) event, which is the world's richest indoor tennis tournament.

"I moved really well and I played perfect tennis," Sampras said. "I'm almost as confident as I've ever been."

His success came as a relief to the organisers, who were dreading losing another seed. The event lost its top three seeds on Thursday, when Stefan Edberg, Boris Becker and Jim Courier all withdrew.

Guy Forget, the No. 5 seed from France, who is the highest-ranked player left in the competition, struggled to overcome Omar Camporese, of Italy, in another quarter-final.

The unseeded Camporese, who beat Courier in straight sets on Thursday, again played well, but Forget's powerful serve and strong forehand eventually carried him to a 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 victory.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: P Sampras (US) bt M Volkov (USSR) 6-2, 6-3; G Forget (Fr) bt O Camporese (It) 6-1, 3-6, 6-3; M Chang (US) bt P Korda (Czech) 7-6, 6-4.

Wales add new boys

MARK Hughes, the Tranmere Rovers defender, was yesterday named for the first time in the Wales squad for the European championship qualifying match with Luxembourg in Cardiff on November 13.

Hughes, aged 29, joined Tranmere for £3,000 from Bristol City in 1985.

The Liverpool forward, Dean Saunders, is suspended after being sent off against Germany, and the captain Kevin Ratcliffe, of Everton, is injured.

Wales must beat Luxembourg and hope that Germany drop points in Belgium a week later to stand a chance of qualification.

SQUAD: N Southall (Everton), A Norman (Sunderland); D Phillips (Norwich City), P Bodin (Crystal Palace), M Bowen (Norwich), E Young (Crystal Palace), A Melville (Oxford United), M Aizlewood (Bristol City), M Hughes (Tranmere Rovers), B Horne (Southampton), P Nicholas (Watford), M Hughes (Manchester United), G Speed (Leeds United), M Pembridge (Luton Town), R Giggs (Manchester), I Rush (Liverpool). Stand-by players: J Goss (Norwich), G Williams (Derby County), G Maguire (Newcastle United), A Dibble (Bolton Wanderers), C Hughes (Luton), K Nogan (Luton), L Nogan (Oxford), C Pascoe (Sunderland).

Linesman in hot water takes a rest

THE Football League has agreed to release the linesman, Michael Hair, from the rest of his appointments this year after his admission that he was unhappy with his display in Wednesday's Rumbelows League Cup tie at Carrow Road.

Brentford claimed that two of the goals that contributed to Norwich's 4-1 win were offside. "We don't think that we were beaten 4-1 but it looks as though the linesman has held up his hands," the Brentford chief executive, Keith Loring, said yesterday. The League will review Hair's position in the new year.

MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE TO THE FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal v West Ham

Bould's possible first appearance of the season enables Arsenal to consider allowing Adams to have his groin operation sooner rather than later. Arsenal's wealth of forward talent also means that Campbell can afford to rest his knee injury a while longer in readiness for the European Cup return against Benfica. West Ham have promised to be positive.

Coventry v Chelsea

Coventry's repeat victory over Arsenal on Wednesday will have banished all memory of their previous four consecutive defeats. Atherton is likely to be one of the disappointed ones if Coventry are unchanged, which seems likely. Chelsea should be strengthened by Wise's return from suspension.

Liverpool v C Palace

Crystal Palace must fancy their chances after what Port Vale achieved at Anfield in midweek. Liverpool have never been so vulnerable. Houghton's return after a back injury is their only bit of good news. Walters remains very doubtful with a groin injury. Shaw returns from a knee injury just as Palace lose Thorn with an Achilles tendon injury

Luton v Everton

Consistency of the right kind remains Everton's prime objective. Their 4-1 win against Wolverhampton Wanderers in midweek followed two consecutive defeats which, in turn, followed three consecutive victories. Jackson, cup-tied in midweek, returns to face his former club and Sheedy is similarly available for selection after injury. Kamara makes his debut for Luton

Man Utd v Sheff Utd

The danger for those Manchester United players fit enough to play is that they might over-relax after their recently demanding fixture programme. They have nine players under treatment and Hughes is suspended. Robson is definitely out with a hamstring injury but Ince could be fit. Sheffield are unchanged despite slipping back into their bad old ways in the home defeat by West Ham.

Norwich v Nottm Forest

Tiler, who was dropped in midweek by Forest after being sent off against Southampton last week for a "professional" foul, is back in the fold but Clough continues to be sorely missed.

Notts Co v Oldham

Last season's promoted clubs are still struggling to come to terms with life in the first division; Oldham have beaten one first division side in their last 10 games, County one in their last nine. Marshall and Henry have been passed fit for Oldham. County have serious problems in central defence where Johnson, aged 18, and Lund, a forward, may have to deputise for Yates (foot) and Short (knee). Rideout may return after a three-match absence with a back injury.

QPR v Aston Villa

Rangers's season is finally coming together. Penrice is expected to make a timely debut against his former club. Atkinson is fit to resume for Villa, though Olney will start after scoring in the last two games. McLoughlin, who was on loan, has returned to Southampton.

Sheff Wed v Tottenham

Tottenham's superior away form should be tested. Wednesday are unbeaten at home in nine matches. They are struggling, though, to get Pearson and Warhurst, their central defenders, fit. Tottenham may suffer for the absence of Samways for the first time this season because of injury. Sedgley covers for him in midfield and Bergsson is drafted into the defence.

Southampton v Man City

Southampton will be on a high after last Saturday's win at Nottingham Forest and the midweek draw at Sheffield Wednesday. Their only concern is Gray's hamstring strain; Horne stands by. Changes were expected in the City side after a drab goalless draw against QPR but the culprits have a chance to atone.

Wimbledon v Leeds

Gone are the days when an away game against Wimbledon was viewed with trepidation. The move away from Plough Lane is only partly responsible. Peter Withe, who has had four games in charge, has yet to see his team win. Fitzgerald (hamstring), Blackwell (groin) and Joseph (hamstring) face tests. Batty must spend a further 24 hours in hospital for treatment to an infected foot and ankle.

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Hanley injury puts GB place in doubt

By KEITH MACKLIN

A SHOULDER injury keeps Ellery Hanley out of the Leeds team for the important championship match at Wigan tomorrow. More urgently, the injury raises serious doubts about his availability to lead Great Britain in the British Coal international against Papua New Guinea at Central Park, Wigan, next Saturday.

Hanley has been troubled with a "tifted" shoulder for most of the season, but has shrugged it off to lead a long-overdue Leeds challenge for the championship. Leeds and Britain will hope the injury will not be as troublesome as his pelvic problem at Wigan.

The absence of Hanley takes a little of the appeal out of the game, since it would have been interesting to see the reaction of the fervent Wigan followers to the return of the man who achieved so much at Wigan.

The Papua New Guinea touring team plays its third game at the Boulevard, Hull, against Humberside and will be looking for its first points of the tour after a 68-0 hiding against Wales and then 56-0 defeat by Great Britain Under-21 in midweek.

It is hard to believe this rugby side can perform so badly when one remembers that at Goroka, in 1990, the Kumuls beat Great Britain 20-18.

Four years ago, the Kumuls had players approaching world class in Krewanty and Numabo. Sadly, there seem to be no players approaching their quality in the squad.

In the first division the top two clubs are away, St Helens at Wakefield and Widnes at Halifax.

At Naughton Park last night, Martin Offiah, the Great Britain wing, was expected to make a surprise comeback for Widnes reserves against Halifax. Offiah, aged 25, who is seeking a transfer although he has six years of his contract remaining, has been in dispute with Widnes since the start of the season, but returned to training for the first time on Thursday.

MOTOR SPORT

Mansell laments early flops

From NORMAN HOWELL IN ADELAIDE

AYRTON Senna and Gerhard Berger have moved one step closer to clinching another constructors' championship for their McLaren team after dominating the first day's qualifying practice for the Australian grand prix here tomorrow. Their two cars were considerably quicker than the Williams of Nigel Mansell, who was the only one to challenge them seriously. Riccardo Patrese, the other Williams driver, was fourth, nearly a second behind Mansell.

Mansell said: "This is the first race of next season, as far as I am concerned. We have brought here a car with active suspensions and I have driven it in the free practice session. This is how early we must start to plan for next year."

He said that the Williams challenge this year was lost in the first four races of the season, when they did not score any points. "Now Honda and McLaren are at least two steps ahead of us. We've rather stood still. Senna and Berger can drive their cars at about 80 per cent of the machine's potential. We have to give 110 percent, and still our cars are not as good as theirs."

For a while at least yesterday, Mansell appeared to have had the means to get himself on pole. His first, promising, lap had been abandoned because of an accident to Aguri Suzuki, who escaped unhurt after crashing into a concrete barrier.

Mansell put his hands up to show his frustration when he saw the red flag while he was within sight of the finish line. He came out again after Berger had set the fastest time and immediately drove brilliantly to take half a second off the Austrian.

But the McLarens had even more power up their sleeve. Helped by yet another special fuel, Senna and Berger eased out of the pits and made Mansell's time look ordinary.

Tomorrow's race is a last chance for some of the younger drivers – Zanardi, Morbidelli, Wendlinger and Blundell – to show what they are worth; there are fewer and fewer seats left in next year's cars.

FIRST QUALIFYING SESSION: 1, A Senna (Br), McLaren, 1min 14.210sec (qualifying lap record, av speed 183.373kmh, 113.942 mph); 2, G Berger (Austria), McLaren, 1:14.395; 3, N Mansell (GB), Williams, 1:14.822; 4, R Patrese (It), Williams, 1:15.633; 5, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton, 1:15.840; 6, G Morbidelli (It), Ferrari, 1:16.203; 7, S Modena (It), Tyrrell, 1:16.253, 8, N Piquet (Br), Benetton, 1:16.552; 9, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 1:17.014; 10, A de Cesaris (It), Jordan, 1:17.073; 11, E Pirro (It), Dallara, 1:17.342; 12, M Gugelmin (Br), Leyton House, 1:17.344, 13, A Zanardi (It), Jordan, 1:17.362; 14, P-L Martini (It), Minardi, 1:17.614; 15, J J Lehto (Fin), Dallara, 1:17.885; 16, M Blundell (GB), Brabham, 1:17.887; 17, M Alboreto (It), Footwork, 1:18.214; 18, S Nakajima (Japan), Tyrrell, 1:18.216; 19, K Wendlinger (Austria), Leyton House, 1:18.282; 20, A Caffi (It), Footwork, 1:18.783, 21, M Brundle (GB), Brabham, 1:18.887; 22, T Boutsen (Bel), Ligier, 1:18.892; 23, N Larini (It), Lamborghini, 1:19.078; 24, J Herbert (GB), Lotus 1:19.177; 25, M Hakkinen (Fin), Lotus, 1:19.192; 26, E Comas (Fr), Ligier, 1:19.676; 27, R Moreno (Br), Minardi, 1:19.752; 28, E Van de Poele (Bel), Lamborghini, 1:20.123; 29, B Gachot (Fr), Lola, 1:20.163; 30, A Suzuki (Japan), Lola, did not complete lap.

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IN BRIEF

Golfer hits two aces

TREVOR McDonald, of Australia, hit two holes in one during the Victorian Open at the Woodlands golf club, Melbourne, yesterday. It is believed to be the first time the feat has been recorded in one round of a professionally sanctioned tournament.

ICE SKATING: Ann Hall and Jason Blomfield defend their National Skating Association ice dance championship title at Nottingham today.

TABLE TENNIS: Lisa Lomas scored the best win by an English woman for a decade in defeating Csilla Bartorfi, the European No. 1, 19-21, 23-21, 21-19 during the England's 4-2 European league loss at Hartlepool on Thursday. Lomas also beat Veronika Wirth, the European junior champion.

OLYMPIC GAMES: South Africa is expected to submit its formal application to take part in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics next week, the International Olympic Committee president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, said yesterday.

CRICKET: First-class cricket will return to Bradford's Park Avenue ground next year after an absence of seven years. Yorkshire's match against Surrey in August has been switched because of building work at Headingley.

ROWING: Worcester College, stroked by Harry MacMillan, the Great Britain junior international, won the Oxford Autumn Fours on a windswept Isis yesterday.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Estoril 0, Boavista 0. Leading positions: 1, Boavista, pl 10, 14pts; 2, Benfica, 9, 13; 3, Porto, 8, 12.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Auxerre 1, Monaco 1. Leading positions: 1, Marseilles, pl 15, 22pts; 2, Monaco, 16, 21; 3, Paris S-G, 15, 19

SOVIET LEAGUE: Shakhtyor Donetsk 2, Dynamo Moscow 3.

POINTING LEAGUE: First division: Coventry City 3, Barnsley 1; Manchester City 2, Blackburn Rovers 4.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS CAFFERKEY UNDER-19 CUP: Bolton 3, Wigan 2.

BADMINTON

BANGKOK: Thai Open: Semi-finals: Men's singles: S Kukasemlet (Thai) bt Z Jian Hua (China), 15-7, 5-15, 15-7; A Budi Kusuma (Indo) bt R Sidek (Mal), 15-8, 15-1. Women's singles: S Susanti (Indo) bt W Wenling (China), 11-1, 11-2; L Houng Soon (S Kor) bt S Chiaroenet (Thai), 11-6, 7-11, 12-9.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-final series: Pool A: Bologna 85, Slobodna Dalmacija (Yug) 82; Olympique Antibes 78, Barcelona 85; Cibona Zagreb 91, Kalev Tallinn (Estonia) 80 (in Puerto Real, Spain). Maccabi Tel Aviv 102, Caserta (It) 95. Pool B: Den Helder (Neth) 75, Partizan Belgrade 81; Jovenbut Badalona (Sp) 91, Estudiantes Madrid 88; Mechelen (Bel) 88, Milan 97, Aris Salonika 103, Bayer Leverkusen 89.



Dean Jones: 122 not out for Victoria in Melbourne

GOLF

PINEHURST, North Carolina: PGA Tour Championship: First round leaders (US unless stated): 68: J Daly, R Cochran, C Stadler, I Baker-Finch (Aus). 69: P Stewart, N Henke, S Hoch, S Elkington (Aus), J D Blake, P Azinger. 70: T Schulz, N Price (Zim), T Ill B Lietzke, J Gallagher, D A Weibring. 72: C Beck, M O'Meara, D Love, F Couples. 73: J Cook, R Medlate, B Andrade, T Purtzer. 74: J Sluman, L Wadkins, A Magee, C Pavin. 75: M Hulbert, S Pate. 78: M Brooks.

TOKYO: Men's tournament: 139: P Senior (Aus), 71, 68. 140: H Shigenobu, 70, 70; S Mori, 67, 73; Y Hagawa, 68, 74. 141: M Kuramoto, 73, 68; K Ishii, 72, 69; Y Mizumaki, 71, 70; B Lane (GB), 71, 70. Y Yokoshima, 70, 71; Y Kaneko, 68, 73; H Kase, 67, 74. 143: P Walton (Ire), 69, 75; BNA, Japan: Michinoi International: US LPGA Tour lead Japan LPGA, 7-1 (C Walker and S Steinhauer bt F Nagata and N Teraashwa, 65-70; D Richard and D Mochrie bt I Ohta and M Shimabukuro, 69-73; J Geddes and B Burkowsky lost to Ti Ai-yu and Huang Yueh-chyn, 71-69; A Chamoto and T Green bt A Nakano and K Adachi, 68-70; L Davies and M Mallon bt M Oda and A Ohshiro, 68-73; C Rarick and E Crosby bt I Shiotani and J Yasui, 70-71; C Kaggi and K Teshetter bt A Takasu and H Tatsumura, 68-73; D Ammacapane and S Little bt Y Moriguchi and M Hirase, 67-71).

HOCKEY

CRYSTAL PALACE INDOOR LEAGUE: Surbiton 11, Purley 3; Old Kingstonians 2, East Grinstead 14; Bromley 14, Beckenham 5.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): New York Rangers 5, Quebec Nordiques 4; Philadelphia Flyers 5, San Jose Sharks 2; Pittsburgh Penguins 8, Minnesota North Stars 1; Los Angeles Kings 4, Boston Bruins 2; Chicago Blackhawks 4, New York Islanders 3.

REAL TENNIS

MELBOURNE: Bathurst Cup (amateur team championship): Final: Great Britain 1, Australia 1 (J S Male lost to M J Happell, 1-6, 3-6, 3-6, J Snow bt C Sievers, 6-0, 6-1, 6-2). Third place play-off: France 1, United States 1.

ROWING

OXFORD AUTUMN FOURS: Men: 1, Worcester College, 6min 22sec; 2, Brasenose College, 8:36; 3, New College, 8:40. Women: 1, Linacre College, 7:58; 2, Merton College, 7:57; 3, Exeter College, 8:01

RUGBY LEAGUE

REGAL TROPHY: Preliminary round: Hull 22, Leigh 7.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Melbourne: Victoria 248-5 (D M Jones 122 not out) v Tasmania. Brisbane: Queensland 368-3 (M Hayden 149, D M Wellham 80, A R Border 81 not out) v South Australia. Perth: Western Australia 219-8 (M Lavender 71, D R Martyn 57, G R Marsh 53) v NSW.

CYCLING

RAPPORT TOUR, South Africa (825 miles): Thirteenth stage (Prettenberg Bay – Humansdorp, 100 miles): 1, K Verbeeck (Bel), 4hr 28min 14sec; 2, S Wolfaardt (SA), 4:28:15; 3, E Bastonelli (It), 4:28:16. Overall: 1, M Beneke (SA), 28hr 28min 39sec. British: 6, J Charlesworth, 33:31:38.

EQUESTRIANISM

NEW JERSEY: Bank of Monsanto Nations Cup show jumping: 1, United States, 0; 2, Great Britain, 4 (jump-off); 3, France, 16½; 4, Canada, 32½. Individual British results: Gazeals (T Cornes), 8, 4, 0; Everest Vantage (G Lucisano), 0, 0, 0; Vital (J Turi), 12¼, 4, 4; Dantzan (T Grubb): 0, 4, 8.

SNOOKER

BANGKOK: World amateur championship: R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt Shim Sok Chong (Brunei), 4-0; G Harris (Aust) bt C Schotz (PNG), 4-3; M Dutiby (N Ire) bt P Reynolds (Ire), 4-1; J Wesson (N Ire) bt A Kumar (India), 4-0; S Suwannasingh (Thai) bt P Millard (Wales), 4-3.

SQUASH RACKETS

PRIMS PREMIER LEAGUE: Second division: Stanmell Lingfield (Surrey) 4, South Marston (Wilts) 1; Bingham Bromley (Kent) 0, Jewson Bamham Broom (Norfolk) 5.

TENNIS

PHOENIX, Arizona: Women's tournament: Second round: G Helgesen (US) bt G Fernandez (US), 6-4, 6-1; C Rubin (US) bt P Louie-Harper (US), 6-7, 6-0, 6-2; N Provis (Aus) bt R White (US), 7-6, 5-1; J Halard (Fr) bt A Grossman (US), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

BUZIOS, Brazil: Kolynos Cup Tournament: J Sanchez (Sp) bt F Clavet (Sp), 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; J Arrese (Sp) bt G Perez-Roldan (Arg), 6-7, 7-6, 3-1 ret.

YACHTING

MIURA, Japan: 50ft World Cup regatta: First race: 1, Mandrake (J Kolius, It); 2, Intrepid (B Nelson, US); 3, Container (J Christensen, Den); 4, Abracadabra (P Cayard, Kit; 5, Cesar (W Fonseca, Braz); 6, Juno V (M McIntyre). Second race: 1, Abracadabra; 2, Chimpossa (J Kostecki, Aus); 3, Juno V; 4, Mandrake; 5, Intrepid, and Mandrake. 4.75pts; 3, Intrepid, 5pts; equal 4, Chimpossa and Container; 6, Juno V.

CRICKET

Pakistan join move for South Africa

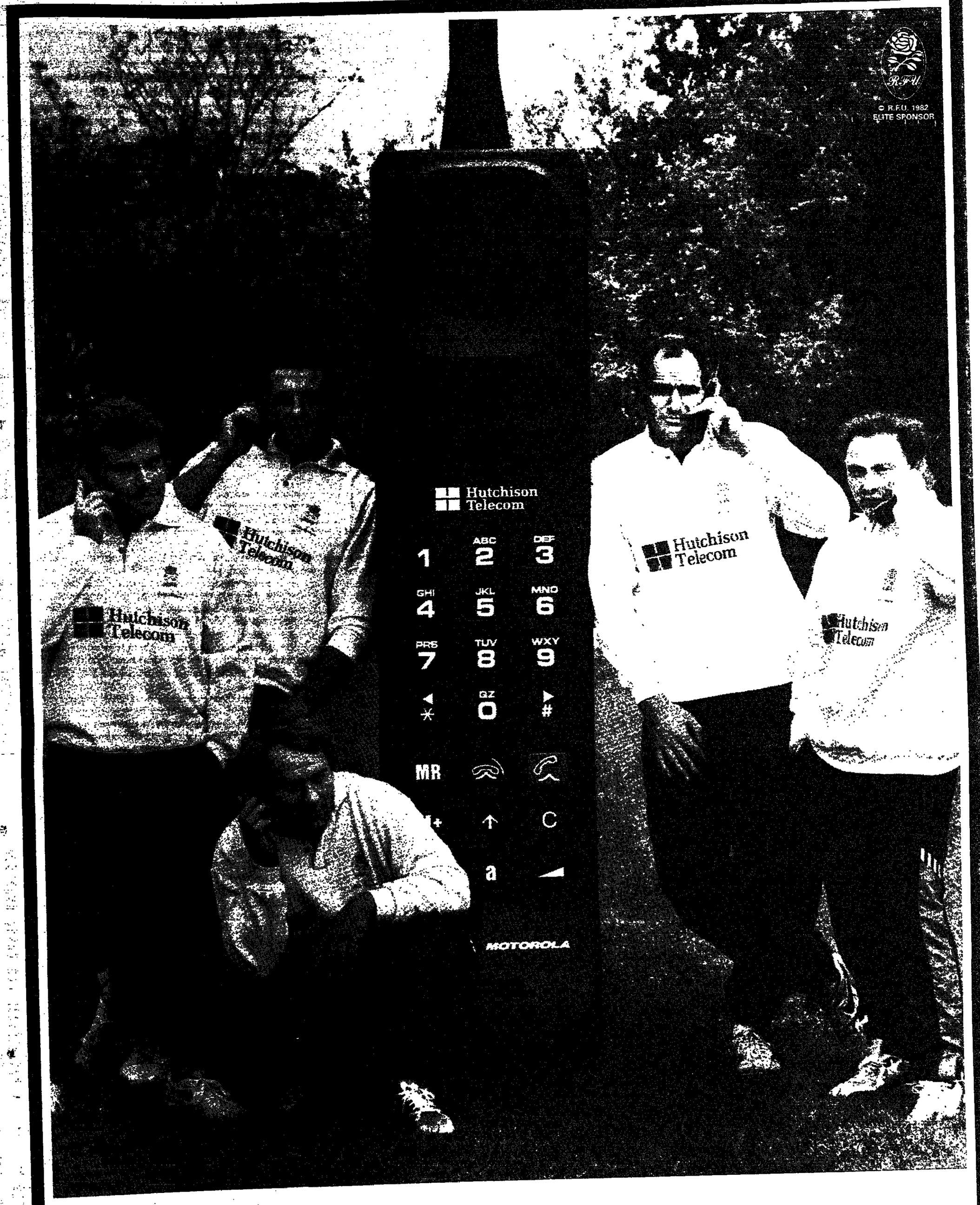
PAKISTAN have joined India in offering South Africa a tour before the World Cup starts in February. The Pakistan board yesterday invited a delegation from the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), which is visiting Lahore, to send a team to Pakistan for a short visit in January.

Like India, Pakistan are proposing that South Africa visit for a series of one-day matches. Earlier this week, South Africa reiterated that it would not resume playing Test cricket until it hosts a series with India late next year. India proposed the Republic's readmittance to the International Cricket Council in July.

Geoff Dakin, the president of the UCBSA, said his board would consider the offers to tour at a meeting in Johannesburg tomorrow. "The early requests have come from Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka," he said. "We will discuss the option of either inviting Pakistan to South Africa or vice versa."

Dakin said that South Africa would definitely bid to stage the 1996 World Cup. Indian officials said no further decision had been taken on South Africa's visit. *(Reuter)*

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Proud to be official supporters of the England Rugby Team.

Dwyer warns of the challenges which lie ahead as the Rugby World Cup reaches its climax today at Twickenham

Time for the officials to catch up with the game

By DAVID MILLER

THE game is going to the dogs. The Rugby World Cup final is the pits. I am assured of this by one of our readers, who regularly writes to tell me so, asserting that he forecast the World Cup would be the beginning of the end; that the game has not been the same since the introduction of leagues and the termination of the era of officers and gentlemen. The view is not isolated.

Furthermore, our correspondent adds, if somewhat contemptuously, what would any writer know who was brought up on the round-ball game? It has therefore been greatly reassuring to discover that Bob Dwyer, the benign Australian coach with a crinkled smile and a liberal, democractic perspective, has similar views to mine on a sport that is never going to be the same again. Positive views.

It always seemed to me in my youth, when training alongside rugby internationals, that all but a handful of talented players, such as Mulligan or Brace, performed at a relatively low technical standard because the game was exclusive. The World Cup has irrevocably opened it to a new world.

Dwyer is well aware that, confronted by the real world, rugby union faces the prospect of technical improvement and simultaneous corruption. He believes the former can be achieved without the latter.

"The World Cup has brought a more professional approach from all teams," Dwyer said. "The only team that has not improved is New Zealand, because they got it right last time. By 1988, it was clear that the second World Cup was going to be nothing like the first, that it would be the biggest global sporting event of the year.

"Improvement in preparation and training has brought improvement in pace and strength, and this will carry the rest of the game along with it, down the line. I am astonished looking at our players in the swimming pool. They look like athletes. That was not always the case!"

Nigel Gibbs, an England full back in the Fifties, was my house tutor. He was a charming, *part-time* sportsman. Several of the school football team would have run the legs off him on the cross-country course. The Rugby Football Union tried to ban him from playing a football match the week before playing at Murrayfield. He told them where to go. I was baffled by rugby's falsely regal airs.

Dwyer, for many years a flanker with the prominent Randwick club in Sydney, considers that rugby union's exclusive attitude was unnecessarily restrictive. "If this was such a fantastic, wonderful game, where were the missionaries?" he asks. "If we have a sport that upholds all that man supposedly aspires to, why not spread it around?

"Maybe the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) was afraid of losing control, which seems very selfish. The World Cup is a huge step forward, a world forum for public focus, that will increase numbers and standards."

Dwyer questions whether the World Cup will accentuate negative trends. "It didn't take the World Cup to produce negative rugby," he said. "Remember some of the series when you could touch-kick on the full, when it was a matter of whether New Zealand half backs could control it or the Springbok back row would smash everyone to smithereens."

There is nothing evil in England's style, Dwyer says, and he enjoys the technical perfection of their pack and Andrew's kicking skills.

He admits that the technical and commercial advance in the game carries the risk of corrupting the players, but is optimistic about the outcome *if* the governing bodies act now. "Corruption of the spirit is not a necessary consequence of money," Dwyer said. "An open structure, as in cricket, is as suitable for rugby, and ordinary clubs would not suffer. What is needed is an administration that does not stifle development yet *maintains the code*. That's a difficult role.

"We cannot have a situation in which countries skim over excesses on the field because they want players for the next match. Action the first time is difficult. I would swallow hard the first time, but think I could do it, suspend people for three or four months." Both Scotland and the World Cup committee, Dwyer says, should have done something following Calder's offence against Staples, the Irish full back.

Contemporary society, Dwyer reflects, respects high-profile professionals more than amateurs, who no longer have their privileged position. Rugby has to protect its ethics, as does professional golf, with a rigid moral code. "The IRFB does not understand why it is there," he said. "We need people with more courage. A senate. If the IRFB can't do the job, we should find an alternative."

HUGH BOUTLEDGE



Looking ahead: Dwyer believes the administrators must change their thinking to harness the explosion of interest caused by the World Cup

OFFICIALS



Bevan: today's referee

W Derek BEVAN
Referee

(Swansea) Born: August 3, 1947 5ft 10in; 12st 4lb Played as flanker with: Vardre, West Wales. Electrician Officiated in 13 internationals since 1985, including two earlier matches in this World Cup

David J BISHOP
Touch judge

(Teanay, New Zealand) Born: September 13, 1948. 5ft 9in; 11st 10lb Played as flanker. Accounting co-ordinator. Officiated in 17 internationals since 1986.

Keith H LAWRENCE
Touch judge

(Tauranga, New Zealand). Born: September 16, 1944. 5ft 7in; 11st 7lb. Played as hooker. Special educationalist. Officiated in 12 internationals since 1985.

ENGLAND WHO'S WHO

Jonathan Mark WEBB (Bath)

Full back. Born: August 24, 1963, London. 6ft 2in, 13st 8lb. Educated: RGS Newcastle and Bristol University. Surgeon 22 caps Married to Amanda, one child.

Simon John HALLIDAY (Harlequins)

Wing. Born July 13, 1960, Haverfordwest. 6ft; 14st Educated: Downside and Oxford University. Stockbroker. 18 caps Married to Suzanne, one child.

William David Charles CARLING (Harlequins)

Centre Born: December 12, 1965, Bradford-on-Avon 5ft 11in; 13st 10lb. Educated: Sedbergh and Durham University Independent retail marketing consultant. 31 caps.

Jeremy Clayton GUSCOTT (Bath)

Centre. Born. July 7, 1965, Bath. 6ft 1in; 13st 3lb. Educated: Ralph Allen CS, Bath. Public relations officer. 17 caps, 2 Lions appearances. Married to Jayne.

Rory UNDERWOOD (Leicester)

Wing. Born June 19, 1963, Middlesbrough. 5ft 9in; 13st 5lb. Educated: Barnard Castle School. Flight lieutenant RAF. 50 caps, 3 Lions appearances Married to Wendy, one child.

Christopher Robert ANDREW (Wasps)

Stand-off half. Born: December 18, 1963, Richmond (Yorks). 5ft 9in; 12st 3lb Educated: Barnard Castle School and Cambridge University. Chartered surveyor 43 caps, 2 Lions appearances Married to Sara, one child.

Richard John HILL (Bath)

Scrum half. Born: May 5, 1961, Birmingham. 5ft 7in; 12st 3lb. Educated: Bishop Wordsworth GS, Salisbury and Exeter University. Financial consultant. 28 caps. Married to Karen, two children.

Jason LEONARD (Harlequins)

Loose-head prop. Born: August 14, 1968, Barking. 5ft 10in; 16st 8lb. Educated: Warren CS, Chadwell Heath. Self-employed carpenter. 14 caps.

Brian Christopher MOORE (Harlequins)

Hooker. Born: January 11, 1962, Birmingham. 5ft 9in; 14st 2lb. Educated: Crossley and Porter HS, Halifax and Nottingham University Corporate financier. 35 caps, 3 Lions appearances.

Jeffrey Alan PROBYN (Askeans)

Tight-head prop. Born. April 27, 1956, London. 5ft 10in; 15st 7lb. Educated. London Nautical School Company director. 28 caps. Married to Jenny, three children.

Michael Gordon SKINNER (Harlequins)

Flanker. Born: November 26, 1958, Newcastle. 6ft 4in; 16st 6lb Educated: Walltoottle GS, Throckley. Computer consultant. 16 caps.

Paul John ACKFORD (Harlequins)

Lock. Born: February 26, 1958, Hanover. 6ft 6in; 17st 6lb. Educated. Plymouth College and Cambridge University. Police inspector. 21 caps, 3 Lions appearances. Married to Susie.

Wade Anthony DOOLEY (Preston Grasshoppers)

Lock. Born: October 2, 1957, Warrington. 6ft 8in; 17st 9lb. Educated: Beaumont Secondary Technical School, Warrington. Police officer. 45 caps, 2 Lions appearances. Married to Sharon, one child

Peter James WINTERBOTTOM (Harlequins)

Flanker. Born: May 31, 1960, Leeds. 6ft; 14st 10lb. Educated: Rossall and Seale Hayne AC, Devon. Eurobond dealer. 47 caps, 4 Lions appearances.

Michael Clive TEAGUE (Gloucester)

No. 8. Born: October 8, 1959, Gloucester. 6ft 3in; 16st 4lb. Educated: Churchdown School, Gloucester Self-employed builder. 21 caps, 2 Lions appearances. Married to Lorraine, one child



Guscott: eighteenth cap

AUSTRALIA WHO'S WHO

Martin Clive ROEBUCK (Eastwood)

Full back. Born: January 10, 1965, Lithgow. 5ft 9in; 12st 8lb Educated: St Stanislaus College and Cumberland College. Physiotherapist. 9 caps. Married to Sue.

Robert Henry EGERTON (Sydney University)

Wing. Born: March 6, 1963, Papua New Guinea. 5ft 9in, 11st 12lb. Educated. Manst College, Canberra, Sydney University and Oxford University. Rugby development officer. 8 caps Married to Julie.

Jason Sydney LITTLE (Southern Districts)

Centre. Born: August 26, 1970, Dalay. 6ft 1in; 14st. Educated: Toowoomba GS and Queensland University of Technology. Student. 14 caps.

Timothy James HORAN (Southern Districts)

Centre. Born: May 15, 1970, Parramatta. 5ft 11in; 13st 5lb. Educated. Downlands College, Toowoomba. Promotions officer. 16 caps.

David Ian CAMPESE (Randwick)

Wing. Born. November 21, 1962, Queanbeyan. 5ft 10in, 13st 5lb. Educated Queanbeyan HS. Public relations executive. 63 caps

Michael Patrick LYNAGH (Queensland University)

Stand-off half. Born: October 25, 1963, Brisbane. 5ft 10in; 12st 7lb. Educated: St Joseph's, Gregory Terrace and Queensland University. State manager. 52 caps.

Nicholas Campbell FARR-JONES (Sydney University)

Scrum half. Born: April 18, 1962, Sydney 5ft 10in; 13st 3lb. Educated: Newington College and Sydney University. Solicitor. 52 caps. Married to Angela, one child.

Anthony John DALY (Eastern Suburbs)

Loose-head prop. Born: March 7, 1966, West Pymble. 5ft 10in; 16st 13lb. Educated: St Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill. Rugby development officer. 18 caps.

Philip Nicholas KEARNS (Randwick)

Hooker. Born: July 27, 1967, Sydney. 5ft 11in; 16st 13lb. Educated: Newington College and University of NSW. Marketing and promotions executive. 19 caps.

Ewen James Andrew McKENZIE (Randwick)

Tight-head prop. Born: June 21, 1965, Melbourne. 5ft 11in; 17st 4lb. Educated: Scots College, Melbourne and Sydney University. Town planner. 15 caps.

Simon Paul POIDEVIN (Randwick)

Flanker. Born: September 31, 1958, Goulburn. 6ft 2in; 15st 4lb. Educated. St Patrick's College, Goulburn and University of NSW. Stockbroker. 58 caps.

Roderick James McCALL (Brothers)

Lock. Born: September 20, 1963, Brisbane. 6ft 6in; 17st 4lb. Educated: St Columba's College, Brisbane. Sales manager. 17 caps. Married to Lorelle.

John Anthony EALES (Brothers)

Lock. Born: June 27, 1970, Brisbane. 6ft 7in; 16st 12lb. Educated: Marist Brothers College, Ashgrove and Queensland University. Student. 9 caps.

Viliame (Willy) OFAHENGAUE (Manly)

Flanker. Born: May 3, 1968, Tonga. 6ft 3in; 17st 4lb. Educated: Toupou College, Tonga and Seddon HS, New Zealand. Pile driver. 11 caps.

Troy COKER (Western Districts)

No. 8. Born: May 30, 1963, Brisbane. 6ft 6in; 18st 1lb. Educated: St Paul's College, Brisbane and Oxford University. Property consultant. 8 caps.



Horan: at centre

RECORDS

ENGLAND and Australia have met 17 times in internationals since they first met at Blackheath in 1909, when Australia won 9-3. Australia lead the series 11-6, having won all seven matches played in Australia and four times in England.

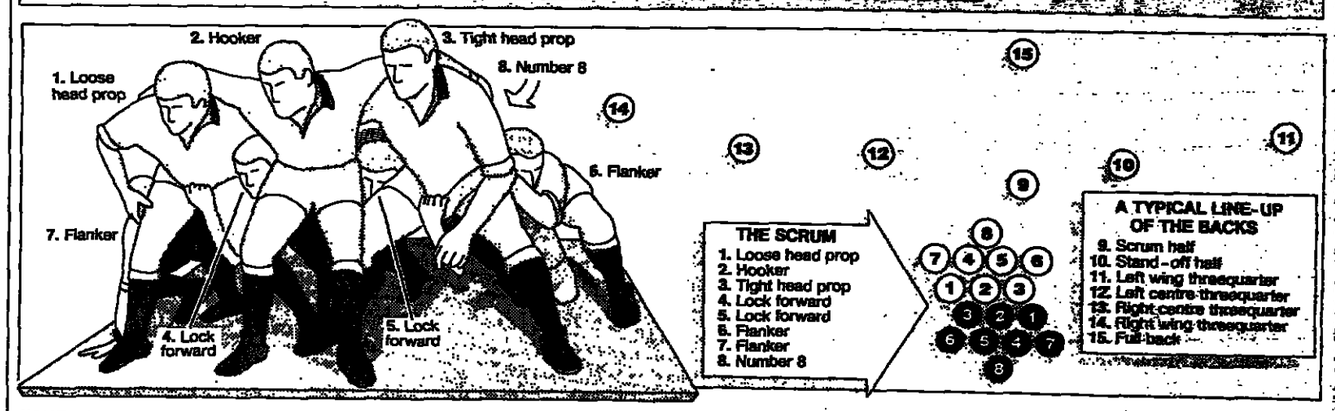
The most recent encounter was last July, when Australia won 40-15 with a performance widely felt to be among their best against any country. Willie Ofahengaue scored two tries, as did Campese; Lynagh was successful with eight kicks at goal. It was only the second time England had conceded 40 points.

Their last meeting at Twickenham was in 1988, when England won 28-19 in Will Carling's first match as captain. Underwood scored two tries, Halliday one and Webb kicked 12 points.

Australia have won all five of their matches in the World Cup, scoring 16 tries (Campese 6, Horan 4) and 114 points while conceding 49 points. England have lost once, 18-12 to New Zealand, and have scored 11 tries (Underwood 4, Guscott 2, Carling 2) and 113 points while conceding 49 points in their five matches.

☐ Results of the 17 international matches: 1909 (Blackheath): England 3, Australia 9; 1928 (Twickenham): England 18, Australia 11; 1948 (Twickenham): England 0, Australia 11; 1958 (Twickenham): England 9, Australia 6; 1963 (Sydney): Australia 18, England 9; 1967 (Twickenham): England 11, Australia 23; 1973 (Twickenham): England 20, Australia 3, 1975 (Sydney): Australia 16, England 9; 1975 (Brisbane): Australia 30, England 21; 1976 (Twickenham): England 23, Australia 6; 1982 (Twickenham): England 15, Australia 11, 1984 (Twickenham): England 3, Australia 19; 1987 (Sydney): Australia 19, England 6; 1988 (Brisbane): Australia 22, England 16; 1988 (Sydney): Australia 28, England 8; 1988 (Twickenham): England 28, Australia 19; 1991 (Sydney): Australia 40, England 15.

WHAT'S WHAT IN THE WORLD OF THE OVAL BALL



WHAT chance has a game of capturing the attention of the multitude when its guiding premise is that to make progress a player has to throw the ball *backwards*? Good, if estimates prove correct that two billion people will have watched the Rugby World Cup on television by the end of today's final at Twickenham — even though many may not have understood much of what was going on (Bryan Stiles writes).

The following guide is for those who find it difficult to follow the intricacies of the game.

☐ FORMATION: Each team fields 15 players, divided into seven backs and eight forwards

☐ THE FORWARDS: Rugby prides itself on being able to offer a place to anyone, no matter his physical attributes. A short, squat, round-shaped player with a thick neck is welcomed as a prop or hooker, and they form the front row of a scrum (see graphic above). A player has to stand tall (6ft 3in plus) if he wants to become a lock and play in the second row, where strength and height are important. It is advisable to be over 6ft and fast if your aim is to became a flanker, or No 8, who help form the back row.

☐ THE BACKS: This section is sub-divided into scrum half (who forms the link with the forwards), stand-off half, who often dictates the tactics on instruction from his captain, four threequarters, who are broken down into two centres and two wings, plus a full back, who is the last line of defence.

☐ SCORING: In rugby the scores are recorded in points form: four for a try, which attracts two additional points if converted (by kicking the ball off the ground through the posts and above the crossbar), and three for a penalty or dropped goal.

☐ TRY: A try is scored when the ball, an awkwardly-bouncing, sometimes-cantankerous oval object, is carried over an opponents' goal line and grounded.

☐ INFRINGEMENTS: The referee can award scrums, free kicks and/or penalties for technical infringements (like passing the ball forward), free kicks for more serious infringements, and penalties for foul play. A penalty allows a team to kick for goal.

☐ THE SCRUM: This is awarded for a minor offence. It often resembles an unco-ordinated mass of steaming bodies pushing and shoving against the opposition, but it requires finely-tuned technique from the eight players, who each has a specific function.

☐ MAUL: This occurs when a player gains possession and is surrounded by his own players who push him forward, keeping the ball in their hands.

☐ RUCK: Similar to a maul, but here the ball is on the ground.

☐ LINEOUT: When a player kicks the ball out of play over the touchline, a lineout is awarded to the opposition, with the two sets of forwards forming opposing lines to leap and gain possession.

TERMS: At a scrum: Loose-head prop: plays in the front row, with his head on the outside when the scrums interlock. Hooker: in the middle of the front row with the task of hooking the ball backwards into his pack. Tight-head prop: third man in the front row, with his head placed tightly between the heads of the opposing prop and hooker. Locks: usually the largest players on the field, who are regarded as the powerhouse of the scrum, playing in the second row. Blind-side flanker: clings to the side of the scrum nearest the touchline, so often has a narrow section of field in which to operate. Open-side flanker: on the side of the scrum where the open field is widest. No. 8: binds the scrum together from the back.

RESULTS AND SCORERS

Pool 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N Zealand	3	3	0	0	95	39	9
England	3	2	0	1	85	33	7
Italy	3	1	0	2	57	76	5
US	3	0	0	3	24	113	3

RESULTS: England 12, New Zealand 18, Italy 30, United States 9, New Zealand 46, United States 6 England 36, Italy 6, England 37, United States 9, New Zealand 31, Italy 21

Pool 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	3	3	0	0	122	36	9
Ireland	3	2	0	1	102	51	7
Japan	3	1	0	2	77	87	5
Zimbabwe	3	0	0	3	31	158	3

RESULTS: Scotland 47, Japan 9; Ireland 55, Zimbabwe 11, Ireland 32, Japan 16, Scotland 51, Zimbabwe 12, Scotland 24, Ireland 15; Zimbabwe 8, Japan 52.

Pool 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia	3	3	0	0	79	25	9
W Samoa	3	2	0	1	54	34	7
Wales	3	1	0	2	32	61	5
Argentina	3	0	0	3	38	83	3

RESULTS: Australia 32, Argentina 19, Wales 13, Western Samoa 16, Australia 9, Western Samoa 3; Wales 16, Argentina 7, Wales 3, Australia 38; Argentina 12, Western Samoa 35.

Pool 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	82	25	9
Canada	3	2	0	1	45	33	7
Romania	3	1	0	2	31	64	5
Fiji	3	0	0	3	27	63	3

RESULTS: France 30, Romania 3; Fiji 3, Canada 13, France 33, Fiji 9; Canada 19, Romania 11; Romania 17, Fiji 15, France 19, Canada 13.

☐ Teams in pool matches were awarded three points for a victory, two for a draw and, if defeated, one for fulfilling the fixture

Quarter-finals

Scotland 28 — Western Samoa 6 *(at Murrayfield)*

France 10 — England 19 *(in Paris)*

Australia 19 — Ireland 18 *(in Dublin)*

New Zealand 29 — Canada 13 *(in Lille)*.

Semi-finals

Scotland 6 — England 9 *(at Murrayfield)*

Australia 16 — New Zealand 6 *(in Dublin)*

Third place play-off

Scotland 5 — New Zealand 13 *(in Cardiff)*

FIXTURE

FINAL: Today: England v Australia *(at Twickenham, 2.30pm)*

DETAILS

LEADING SCORERS: Tries: 6: D Campese (Aus), J-B Lafond (Fr). 4: T Horan (Aus), B Robinson (Ire), I Tukalo (Scot), R Underwood (Eng). 3: T Wright (NZ), M Teran (Arg), Y Yoshida (Japan), A Stanger (Scot), J Timu (NZ)

Points: 68: R Keyes (Ire). 61: G Hastings (Scot). 58: M Lynagh (Aus). 50: J Webb (Eng). 44: G Fox (NZ) 32: D Camberabero (Fr), T Hosokawa (Japan) 29: D Dominguez (It). 25: M Vaea (W Sam) 24: D Campese (Aus), J-B Lafond (Fr), G Rees (Can).

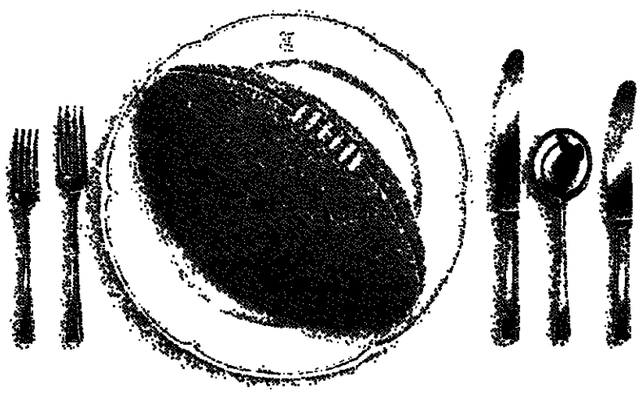
FAIR PLAY: The winners of the Heinz fair play award will be selected by the referees assessors, who may take into account incidents not punished by a referee. Foul play, dissent and off-the-ball incidents are key factors in assessing the award, as are the number of penalties awarded against teams in the earlier stages of the tournament. Dismissals, drug abuse or misconduct off the field will result in disqualification. Western Samoa and Argentina have been disqualified for having a player sent off.

TELEVISION

TODAY: ITV: 1.55-4.45pm. Live coverage of the final. Highlights: 11.05pm-12.0. Screensport: 10-11am: Highlights of the third-place play-off between Scotland and New Zealand. 2.0-4.15pm. Live coverage of the final. 9.30-10.30pm: Final highlights.

TOMORROW: ITV: 2.15-3pm: Rugby World Cup review. Screensport: 2-3am: Highlights of the third-place play-off. 3-4am. Final highlights. 2-3pm: Final highlights.

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GOLF

Ballesteros stays in the groove to spearhead Spain

From MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, ROME

SEVERIANO Ballesteros yesterday stayed very much in the groove with a second round of 69 here on the Le Querce course and helped Spain to capture the halfway lead in the World Cup of Golf.

Spain, for whom José Rivero also scored 69, have a total of 279, nine under par, and a three-stroke lead over Germany, the defending champions. England, the first-round leaders, faltered, with both Nick Faldo and Steven Richardson scoring 73, but they hold third on 283, two strokes in front of Scotland.

Ballesteros has achieved much since in 1976, at the age of 19, he helped Spain to win this competition in Palm Springs, California. He was also in the team which successfully defended the title in 1977 but he had not played again until this week.

His return is not only a fillip for the competition, sponsored by Philip Morris, but is creating additional interest in the sport in Italy. Ballesteros is playing well, putting well and enjoying himself. He is as relaxed as I have seen him and his attitude is such that it is difficult to see him faltering.

The perennial problem with the World Cup is getting the players round the course in reasonable time and yesterday they were out for six hours. That alone is sufficient to examine their concentration.

Ballesteros and Rivero, however, took it in their stride, gathering nine birdies between them, compared with the two that Faldo and Richardson managed.

There is little question that the undulating greens make scoring difficult here. Ballesteros said it is imperative to have an uphill putt but that in trying to finish below the hole it is inevitable that, on occasions, the ball will come up too short.

This was hardly the case at the 18th. Ballesteros, who began the day with a six, was determined to finish with a flourish. He stood on the fairway, 250 yards from the green, pulled out a driver and hit the ball to seven feet from the hole. The putt for an eagle failed to drop but it mattered not.

"I think it proves the old man still has the power," Ballesteros said with a grin. "It is always a tough shot to hit the driver from the fairway but I have hit a few better shots than that this season."

That might be the case but what would Scotland have given to finish like the Spaniards. Colin Montgomerie and Sam Torrance had the lead after 11 holes but lost their way on the closing stretch, culminating with dropping three shots at the 17th.

Meanwhile, Ballesteros holds the individual lead with a score of 137, although Bernhard Langer, with a 69 yesterday, is only one stroke behind. Ian Woosnam is one stroke further back, also after a 69. Woosnam adjusted his address when putting, raising his hands, and he holed out well. He had five birdies, including one at the 18th where he came out of a bunker to seven feet and coaxed the ball in.

SECOND ROUND

279: Spain (S Ballesteros, 69, 69; J Rivero, 73, 69). 282: Germany (B Langer, 69, 69; T Gledson, 69, 75). 283: England (S Richardson, 69, 73; N Faldo, 68, 73). 286: Scotland (C Montgomerie, 73, 70; S Torrance, 71, 71). 288: Ireland (R Rafferty, 76, 70; E Darcy, 71, 69); New Zealand (G Turner, 73, 71; F Nobilo, 73, 69). Argentina (E Romero, 70, 71; R Alvarez, 74, 71); Wales (I Woosnam, 70, 69; P Price, 72, 75). 287: Japan (N Serizawa, 69, 74; S Higashi, 73, 71). 289: Mexico (C Espinosa, 73, 71; R Alarcon, 71, 69); Switzerland (A Bossert, 71, 71; P Quirici, 72, 75).

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Family portrait: Liz McColgan, in New York for the marathon, with daughter, Eilish, and husband, Peter

McColgan seeks leading role

From DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK

A YEAR ago, the big event in which McColgan was about to participate was the birth of her first child. Now it is the New York City marathon, her debut at the distance. A lot has happened in a year: a bonny baby, a bronze medal in the world cross-country championships, a Commonwealth record at 10,000 metres, and, finally, the only individual gold medal won by a British athlete at the world championships in Tokyo.

She has time, before Eilish's first birthday party, to spread her reputation. Tomorrow, McColgan plays a prominent role here in one of those rare occasions when a big-city marathon presents a women's race which is more interesting than the men's.

If, as Dr Craig Sharp said, "pregnancy is an anabolic event" and carries with it the additional benefit to the distance runner of increased blood volume, McColgan had an advantage over most of her rivals in Tokyo. Not so this time. Here we have a three-mum race. Joan Samuelson, mother of two, and Lisa Ondieki, mother of one, are respectively the second and fourth fastest on record.

McColgan could hardly have chosen a tougher debut. Ondieki, who produced a daughter one month before McColgan did, has run 2hr 23min 51sec and is claiming the best shape of her life. Samuelson is, you might say, enjoying a rebirth, having run 2hr 26min 54sec in Boston in April, her fastest for five years and reason enough for McColgan to say: "I am not going to fly out and try to run really fast." At her peak, Samuelson, who is on home ground, ran 2hr 21min 21sec. Furthermore the New York is slowish.

Victory, McColgan insisted, was all that mattered. "I am in better shape now than I was in the world championship. I am not out for the world record in my first one," she said. "I know I am in very good shape, whether it be 2:30, 2:28, or 2:21." 2:21 please note.

The fastest run is Ingrid Kristiansen's 2hr 21min 06sec, the quickest by a Briton Veronique Marot's 2hr 25min 56sec. The least expected of McColgan is for her to devour Marot's mark. By how much depends on how hard she is pushed. Her training sessions are like those of "the American guys preparing for the Olympic trials". Carey Pinkowski, a Chicago race director, said. "Her training indicates 2hr 17min. She could revolutionise the sport."

Not yet, though. "I am looking forward to winning the race and not to putting myself off running another one," McColgan said. "I am only 27 years old and I am looking to run really fast times after the Olympics. That is when my thoughts will turn towards seriously being a marathon runner." Until then, the 10,000 metres in Barcelona. "I am not moving up until I feel I have done all I can at 10,000.

"One day I feel I can break 2hr 20min. I feel I can be the best distance runner and I am going to strive until I feel I have achieved that. What Ingrid and Grete [Waitz] did was a stepping stone for us, not barriers."

McColgan's victory over 10,000 metres in Tokyo made little impression back home in Arbroath. "Nothing happened, no reception or anything like that," she said. It was Yvonne Murray, a Tokyo failure, who had the best of the sponsorships going in Scotland.

McColgan carried on regardless. Training in a blizzard 12 days after childbirth was good character building and it is difficult to believe that anything less than total effort tomorrow will satisfy her.

"Everyone says you are going to hit a brick wall and I want to see what the brick wall is like." McColgan said. And, given that she has the head for the pounds and pence, pushing on against the clock if Ondieki and Samuelson are broken may be too much for her to resist.

For the first time, New York has the emphasis on finish-time bonus money, not prize-money. Sub 2hr 25min earns $40,000, sub 2hr 24min takes $50,000, while a win is worth only $20,000. For a few dollars more, McColgan — who once lost her eligibility for US college competition because she accepted prize-money — may be tempted out of the comfort zone and consider the brick wall well worth a visit.

ATHLETICS

Coe earns a silver award as best man

SEBASTIAN Coe was honoured in New York on Thursday night as the best male runner of the last 25 years (David Powell writes). Coe set eight world records and won two Olympic 1,500 metres titles between 1979 and 1984, including an 800 metres record that has lasted ten years. Said Aouita was voted second, and Lasse Viren, third.

Coe scored 81 points to Aouita's 62 and Viren's 31 in a *Runner's World* poll of international experts. "It is unbelievable to win this award," Coe said at the magazine's silver anniversary gala.

The short list of 16 excluded athletes from events up to 800 metres. Steve Ovett was the only other Briton short-listed. Among others were Kip Keino, Carlos Lopes and Jim Ryun, who were there to applaud Coe.

He said his fondest memory was of the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984, when he became the first to win successive Olympic 1,500 metres titles, after suffering lingering illness in 1982 and 1983.

The performance from someone else that had most impressed him was, he said, a difficult choice between Viren's 1976 Olympic 5,000 metres win — which helped seal his second Olympic 5,000 and 10,000 metres double — and Ovett's 1977 1,500 metres World Cup victory.

The women's award went to Grete Waitz, of Norway, world cross-country champion five times, a former world record-holder at 3,000 metres and the 1983 marathon world champion. Priscilla Welch, aged 47, was the top woman veteran runner of the quarter-century.

OTHER AWARDS: Greatest woman track performer: Florence Griffith-Joyner. Greatest indoor performer: Eamonn Coghlan. Greatest Olympic athlete: Carl Lewis. Best male veteran: John Campbell.

CYCLING

Young can seize chance

WITH David Baker out of competition through illness until the new year, his National Trophy title is up for grabs, starting tomorrow, in the Smirnoff international challenge at Harlow (Peter Bryan writes). The competition is a three-race affair, with the second race at Wolverhampton on November 24, and the third at Bingley on February 16.

The absence of Baker could open the door for the national champion, Chris Young, who has spent this year unsuccessfully looking for a main sponsor. Young has finished runner-up on three occasions.

He is joined in the Great Britain professional team by the event specialist Steve Bauer, the five-times winner and second to Baker last year, and Barrie Clarke.

Roger Hammond, the outstanding British junior, heads the overflow race but it is doubtful he can repeat his victory last year. Hammond, who is still at school, tore a thigh muscle playing football and training has had to be low-key during the last fortnight.

After leading the 825-mile Rapport Tour in South Africa for the first seven days, John Charlesworth, of Britain, starts the fourteenth and final stage today five minutes behind the overall leader, Mark Beneke, of South Africa, in sixth place.

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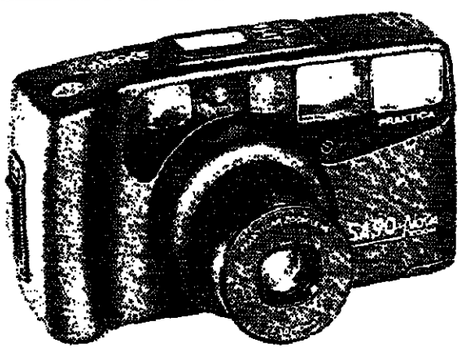
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Carling: much at stake

England's task of achievement with acceptance

By DAVID MILLER
CHIEF SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

There are two examinations for England in the Rugby World Cup final at Twickenham this afternoon: for English rugby and for English social conduct. The risk long-term is failure in the second if there is defeat in the first; or even if the first is won. Australia may, however, show they are better on both fronts.

The World Cup could not have produced in prospect a more intriguing finale, undoubtedly the most arresting sports event here since England appeared in that other final 25 years ago. The eminently superior appeal of Australia's style, compared with functional England, places a strain on English men on and off the field.

Never has the maxim that rugby is a hooligans' game for gentlemen been under greater scrutiny. Australia have marvellously upheld the creed during the past three weeks. If England are now to reverse the general expectation in this match, it is imperative that they should do so in a manner which can be applauded, and emulated, by schoolboys up and down the land.

Either way, it is equally imperative that English spectators behave in a civilised and sporting way that has been a cornerstone of this sport for the past century. There is justified alarm that English rugby spectators, for so long a pillar of middle-class respectability, are becoming as narrow, emotionally, as their present team's tactical perspective.

RUGBY WORLD CUP

Winning is everything.

The World Cup, with an audience in 70 countries, can be of incalculable benefit to the game's expansion, but not if it steps back three centuries to an age of social disorder when "football" had to be legally banned from the streets. There is a fine borderline, as football, boxing and, even occasionally, cricket have demonstrated, between alcohol-fortified enthusiasm that is friendly or malevolent.

Will Carling and his men are, therefore, playing for more than a place in the history books, their own and their families' self-esteem, and the reputation of English rugby. They represent, under unforgiving exposure, the social face of English society no less than did Gary Lineker and his players in Italy last year. It does not escape notice that David Campese and the other Australians seem more conscious of a sense of moral mission, even if at times a they seem a shade precious about it.

We live in an age of sporting heroes too often having feet of clay: George Best, Alex Higgins, Mike Tyson, Paul Gascoigne. At the moment when rugby union is stretching out to embrace the world, it needs to do so with an uplifting spirit, a clear conscience, an example to everyone in the sport that here is a game in which players and spectators know how to behave and can be a worthy example to all.

As Bob Dwyer, Australia's coach, suggests, commercialism of the game need not be synonymous with corruption. Rugby is standing at a crossroads of immense significance and must choose the right road. The burden on the referee, Derek Bevan, of Wales, is a heavy one.

England go into today's Rugby World Cup final at Twickenham with a raging spirit and a point to prove

Australia pose a mighty obstacle

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE rough winds that buffeted Twickenham yesterday will be as nothing compared to the thunderous clash today of some of the biggest and heaviest forwards in world rugby. England, champions of the northern hemisphere, meet Australia, champions of the south, in the final of the Rugby World Cup. A battle royal, given the presence of the Queen, the Princess Royal and Prince Edward, at the climax of the most significant and prestigious tournament in the sport's history.

It is many a year, too, since England went into an international at Twickenham as underdogs, but that is the fate inflicted on them by the style and strength of this Australian team. Such a situation can be turned to good advantage; add a sense of indignation to the raging team spirit which exists in the England camp and they could yet conclude this match by lifting the Webb Ellis Cup, the 85-year-old trophy relinquished last weekend by New Zealand.

"There is still a very keen feeling that we have not produced our best and that the stage is set for our best performance to date," Will Carling, England's captain, said yesterday, after his team had gone through a brief training period at the Stoop Memorial Ground. "But it is the same for both sides. It's whoever gets it right. We hope and believe it will be us. I think such a performance is there."

Throughout this tournament, England have taken a malicious delight in proving their critics wrong — those who said they were too old, too inhibited, too slow. When they had been told they could not hope to proceed without radically adjusting their pattern of play, they have resolutely gone out to prove themselves in two of the most demanding arenas in the world, Parc des Princes and Murrayfield.

But Geoff Cooke, the team manager, whose side has presented him with 23 victories out of 33 games during his four-year tenure, agrees that England should use all the weapons at their disposal. "We have to use everyone's ability to the maximum. Rory Underwood's a potential match-winner, so is Jerry Guscott. They have to be brought into the game and if they are not, like David Campese, they will have to get into the game themselves."

Curiously, England have already endured their hardest moment of the tournament. Their nerves were tightest before the game against France. Success in that match attained their stated objective, a semi-final place — whatever the privately-expressed ambitions of the squad — and in the last fortnight they have appeared as relaxed as any group of athletes staring at the supreme moment of their sporting lives.

Carling emphasised the fellow feeling on which they hope to structure victory: "We are a squad, a team, that's how we perform and that's how we enjoy performing. I would never single out individuals. We rely on each other and that's the way we like it."

But which, technically, is the better team? The older, more worldly-wise men of England, who began this tournament by being squeezed out by New Zealand, or the brash young Australians, who have yet been good enough to endure moments of crisis, against Western Samoa and, more critically, against Ireland before attaining their finest hour against the All Blacks in Dublin last Sunday?

It needs no effort to think back to the Wallabies' clinical dissection of England in Sydney in July, a game in which everything they touched turned to gold. Circumstances have changed. England are fitter, they are at home, and they are mentally adjusted to the most demanding match any of them have faced. But Australia's capacity remains the same. They can match England at the set-pieces and are as swift, and as strong, in the loose.

More importantly, their backs are attuned to contributing, as a coherent attacking force and as a blanket defence. England for a variety of reasons, including, I suspect to cock a snoop at their critics, have chosen to play through their forwards, and articulate back play is not to be suddenly rediscovered in the hurly-burly of a World Cup final.

"We recognise just how strong a side England are and how much work they have done to get where they are," Bob Dwyer said. The Australian coach confirmed yesterday that he would stand for a further term of office when the Australian Rugby Union executive committee debates in a fortnight its next selection panel. Opposition, I imagine, will be minimal.

"But our players are thinking very positively about our approach and that's reflected in a quiet confidence," he added. "There's no point in thinking about the outcome of the game. Scoring points is a consequence of playing good rugby. The best players can play at their best when the match is the most important. It's the hallmark of quality. David Campese has it, so has a player like Willie Ofahengaue. The harder the game, the better he goes."

Australia's grounds for confidence rest in their pack, which outweighs England, and their backs, notably the judgment and skill of their half backs, who appear in their 53rd international. If England are to express themselves, they must do so courtesy of the lineout, where John Eales faces his hardest examination to date — a police hearing, you might say, arranged by Inspector Ackford and PC Dooley.

England may well hope to open as they did against France, by imposing themselves physically on the game beneath a barrage of high balls aimed specifically at Campese and at Roebuck. But if Sydney is a painful memory, it is also a reminder that Carling and Guscott made the most significant impression on the Australian midfield triangle of any side this year; they will want to test the two 21-year-olds, Horan and Little, again.

The tactical possibilities add a fascinating dimension to this game, in which the earthy qualities of such as Teague will play an immensely important role. Ofahengaue and Coker must not be given the space that Cabannes and Cecillon found for France in the quarter-finals, and who is to guard against the wiles of Campese, when he himself is never sure where the spirit will lead him?

England can win it. Australia, who will not lack for support, are the more likely victors by something in the order of ten points.

□ Paul Rendall, the England replacement prop who ruptured an Achilles tendon on Thursday, underwent an operation at Beaconsfield Hospital yesterday. He will be in plaster for two months and is unlikely to play again this season.

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WORLD CUP FINAL

England			Australia	
J M Webb (Bath)	15	Full back	M C Roebuck (Eastwood)	15
S J Halliday (Harlequins)	14	Right wing	R H Egerton (Sydney Univ)	14
W D C Carling* (Harlequins)	13	Centre	J S Little (Southern Districts)	13
J C Guscott (Bath)	12	Centre	T J Horan (Southern Districts)	12
R Underwood (Leicester)	11	Left wing	D I Campese (Randwick)	11
C R Andrew (Wasps)	10	Stand-off	M P Lynagh (Queensland Univ)	10
R J Hill (Bath)	9	Scrum half	N C Farr-Jones* (Sydney Univ)	9
J Leonard (Harlequins)	1	Prop	A J Daly (Eastern Suburbs)	1
B C Moore (Harlequins)	2	Hooker	P N Kearns (Randwick)	2
J A Probyn (Askeans)	3	Prop	E J A McKenzie (Randwick)	3
M G Skinner (Harlequins)	6	Flanker	S P Poidevin (Randwick)	6
P J Ackford (Harlequins)	4	Lock	R J McCall (Brothers)	4
W A Dooley (Preston G'hoppers)	5	Lock	J A Eales (Brothers)	5
P J Winterbottom (Harlequins)	7	Flanker	V Ofahengaue (Manly)	7
M C Teague (Gloucester)	8	No. 8	T Coker (Western Districts)	8

*Captain

Referee: W D Bevan (Wales).

REPLACEMENTS: 16 N J Heslop (Orrell), 17 D Pears (Harlequins), 18 C D Morris (Orrell), 19 D Richards (Leicester), 20 C J Oliver (Northampton), 21 G S Pearce (Northampton)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 J A Platt (Randwick), 17 A G Herbert (GPS), 18 P J Slattery (Queensland Univ), 19 J S Miller (Queensland Univ), 20 D J Crowley (Southern Districts), 21 D V Nucifora (Queensland Univ).

IF the final is undecided after 80 minutes of play, there will be 20 minutes of extra time, ten minutes each way. If the scores are still level, the number of tries scored by each team in the match will determine the winner. If they are still level, the deciding factor will be the number of players sent off in the tournament (so far, neither country has had a player dismissed). If there is still no winner, the Webb Ellis Cup will be shared.

BETTING: William Hill has made Australia strong favourites at 1-3 to win the Webb Ellis Cup today. England are offered at 11-5. David Campese, the Australia wing, is 4-1 to score the first try of the match, ahead of Rory Underwood, of England, at 7-1.

WEATHER: It will be fairly breezy at Twickenham, with a south to southwest wind. It will probably be dry, with some sunny intervals, although there is a small chance of a shower.

TODAY'S TELELVISION: ITV: 1.55-4.45pm: Live coverage of the final. Highlights: 11.05pm-12.0. Screensport: 10-11am: Highlights of the third-place play-off between Scotland and New Zealand. 2.0-4.15pm: Live coverage of the final. 9.30-10.30pm: Final highlights.

IAN STEWART



Only one aim: Jonathan Webb gets it right in practice leading up to today's match

Financial debate joined by Major

By PETER BILLS

THE prime minister, John Major, yesterday expressed sympathy with England players who have been left out of pocket by their participation in the World Cup.

In an interview to be broadcast on Radio Four this morning, he said: "I can understand the frustration of people who are very high class rugby union players who say 'If I was equally good at soccer or snooker or even darts I would have a very high standard of living'." But Mr Major, who played rugby at school, added: "I would be very sad if rugby union did not remain an amateur sport, but that's because I'm a stuffy old traditionalist — I don't know that I'm right."

Speaking in an interview with Cliff Morgan to be broadcast on BBC Radio's *Sport on Four*, the prime minister said the final would have the same impact as England's World Cup football success in 1966.

"Twenty-five years ago taxi drivers were talking about Bobby Moore and now they are talking about Will Carling. That is going to impact on a whole generation of youngsters and the future is very bright," he said.

Brian Moore, the England pack leader, also chose the eve of the final to reiterate the players' anxieties about the issue of financial reward. The International Rugby Football Board will decide next week if the England players can receive the estimated £5,000 to £10,000 per man they have raised through their promotional Run With The Ball campaign.

Moore, who fears the decision will be delayed, said: "Public opinion is on our side and it is not a great deal of money — about the difference between an average car and a top-of-the-range job. If they do not make a decision next week, it will show a lack of will on their part."

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Natural stage for final

THE splendour of Twickenham, with all its great historical connotations, is an appropriate stage for the World Cup final today, the first to be played in the northern hemisphere.

Before a capacity crowd of 62,500, the stadium, which has in recent years undergone reconstruction worth millions of pounds, will host the biggest day in the history of the sport. The match will gross gate receipts of £1 million and be shown live on television in 40 countries around the world.

Among rugby followers, the Twickenham name evokes the same sort of awe and respect accorded to Lord's by cricketers, or to Wembley by footballers. As a Rugby Football Union spokesman said: "As soon as it was decided the World Cup would come to the northern hemisphere we could not envisage the final being played anywhere else apart from Twickenham."

The new north stand, which cost more than £10 million, was built to be ready for use for the World Cup. The RFU plans to extend the new, three-tier stand around three sides of the ground, replacing the famous east and west stands.

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The flanker who scores tries for ITV

By KEN LAWRENCE

IN 1971, when the British Isles conquered the All Blacks in New Zealand, a 26-year-old Welsh flanker savoured "the greatest moment of my life". He had played in all four internationals, contributing enormously to the Lions' 2-1 series victory.

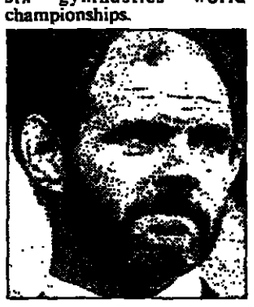
John Taylor suspects that his emotions will not be dissimilar today as walks into Twickenham to commentate on the Rugby World Cup final for ITV. "Well, it is one of the great days, isn't it?" he says. It is indeed.

ITV can expect an audience of 12 million. Not all of them yet know how many points a try is worth. Or who Ofahengaue and Skinner and Dwyer and Cooke are. They will know by the time Taylor has finished his work.

Taylor was all too aware at the start of the World Cup a month ago that many rugby people were questioning whether he, Alastair Hignell and Bob Symonds could escape the shadow of BBC Television's voice of rugby, Bill McLaren; but, good as McLaren is — an ample proof can be heard on BBC Radio — he has not been missed.

The ITV team dropped a few passes early on, but it also scored with its analyses, confident commentaries and, most particularly, its microphone link-up to the referees, which commentators have used to tell the viewers what the referee has ruled and why.

Taylor, aged 46, has written about rugby since he retired as a player and he has been in broadcasting for 12 years, covered three Olympics and six gymnastics world championships.



Taylor: confident voice

"I thought when I started with ITV in 1979 that it wanted to get into rugby and soon would be. However, there were those in rugby who thought they had to stay with tradition, with the BBC. Well, now we have broken that mould and proved we can do it."

The microphone link with referees is only one of the innovations. With the France-England grand slam game on BBC earlier this year having averaged 4.9 million viewers, with a peak figure of 7.9 million, the commercial channel knew it would be addressing a much wider audience — many of whom would know little about rugby.

"I think we have done so in a way that has not offended anyone, and have tried to explain a difficult game," Taylor says. "I have very clear ideas which are bound to come through. If I think an opportunity has been wasted, I am going to say so. I also like to say sometimes what might have, rather than what has, happened."

Australia were Taylor's choice of winners before the World Cup began and he sees no reason to switch. "They are the best team in the world," he says. "But England have not given it everything yet. The more you start chucking the ball about, the more natural it becomes. But no-one can accuse them of lacking bravery and determination. I just hope they can graft something on to that."